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Memo from L. N. Conroy to Mr. A. Rosen

various newspapers, including the "Daily Worker," had carried articles to the effect that he had been connected with various Communist front activities, and that on the basis of this information Sinatra was denied permission to entertain troops. Sinatra was advised this decision was based solely upon newspaper articles. Sinatra in reply stated he hated Communism and had never been a member of a Communist organization. He further stated that he would carry this matter to the Attorney General in order to clear his name and he would engage counsel to represent him. No information appears in Bufiles that Sinatra has as yet contacted the Attorney General.

On 10-25-54, Mr. George Murphy, who in recent years has played an active role in sending movie entertainers to various parts of the world to entertain Armed services, telephonically contacted Mr. Nichols to discuss this matter. Mr. Murphy was advised that it must have been the Army's own decision not to use Sinatra based on the Army's own record. Since the matter of determining what actors are to visit the various theaters is one for the determination of the defense establishments and the various branches of the Armed services, it was suggested, therefore, that Mr. Murphy contact the Army in this regard. Murphy indicated, however, that he intended to withdraw from this matter. (62-83219-29,30,31)

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached memorandum will be furnished the Department of State. This memorandum incorporates all information previously furnished OSI and G-2. In addition it refers State Department to G-2 for further information concerning Sinatra.

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FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, AKA FRANK SINATRA, SM - C. ON

2/17/55 MR. J. E. FRANZMAYER, PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPT. OF STATE

STATE, MADE AVAILABLE TO SA [REDACTED] ONE AUTHENTICATED

PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF A SWORN AFFIDAVIT DATED 1/10/55 IN NEW YORK

COUNTY, NEW YORK BY FRANK SINATRA, SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH

PENDING PP APPLICATION STATING THAT HE WAS NOT THEN AND HAD

NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CP, ANY SO-CALLED COMMUNIST FRONT

ORGANIZATIONS OR ANY OTHER GROUP OR ORGANIZATION OF A SUBVERSIVE

CHARACTER AND WAS NOT THEN AND HAD NEVER BEEN AFFILIATED WITH

ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY

OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER. SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT PP OFFICE IS

SENDING TWO AUTHENTICATED PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF SAME AFFIDAVIT

TO WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, AAG, WITH REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION TO

DETERMINE WHETHER CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SUBJECT FOR

APPARENT VIOLATION OF 18 USC 1542 WARRANTED. SOURCE FURTHER

ADVISED PP OFFICE HAS RECEIVED RECENT SUMMARY OF INFO FROM BUREAU

RE: [REDACTED]

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FOR FUTURE REFERENCE IN CASE PROSECUTION CONTEMPLATED OR
CONTINGENT IN THIS CONNECTION. IT IS REQUESTED THAT INFO IN
THIS REPORT BE PASSED ON ADMINISTRATIVE FILE OF ANY REPORT
ON THIS SUBJECT. NO FURTHER ACTION IN
THIS MATTER IS REQUESTED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: February 21, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

CLASS. & EXT. BY 2602/mek
REASON - FCIM 1142
DATE OF REVIEW 2/6/89SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
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On 12-14-54 a name check request concerning Sinatra was received from the State Department in connection with a passport application. On 12-30-54 the Department of State was advised that the FBI had conducted no active investigation of Sinatra. Also the memorandum provided information received by the FBI concerning Sinatra which is in summary: Sinatra has allegedly been connected in varying degrees such as sponsorship and/or membership with 13 Communist front groups or activities in Los Angeles, Detroit, and New York City. One informant alleged in 1945 that he had been told that Sinatra had recently been admitted to membership in the New York Branch of the Communist Party. This informant was described as confidential and reliable. Sinatra's association with numerous gangsters and hoodlums including Lucky Luciano and Willie Moretti were set out. It was also noted that in 1948 Sinatra was scheduled to transcribe an anti-Communist broadcast for Italian consumption and that as of 1951 Sinatra was listed as a participant in an anti-Communist rally. *eu*

On 1-10-55 Sinatra executed a sworn affidavit for the Passport Division of the State Department at New York County, New York, stating that he was not then and had never been a member of the Communist Party, any so-called Communist front organizations or any other group or organization of a subversive character. As of 2-17-55 the Washington Field Office was advised in confidence that the Passport Division of State Department was sending two copies of the above affidavit to the Department "with request for investigation to determine whether criminal proceedings against subject for apparent violation of 18 USC 1542 warranted." Section 1542 is "false statement in application and use of passport." Los Angeles and New York were advised of this information. Sinatra is the well-known singer and motion picture actor.

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Anderson
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the FBI conduct no investigation in this matter. This is in accordance with established policy in passport fraud matters since the State Department directed their request to the Justice Department. We will, of course, act immediately on request from either Justice or State Departments.

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I suggest a complete
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on Sinatra

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN
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 REASON - FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
 DATE OF REVIEW 9/6/89
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT
 SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
 aka FRANK SINATRA

9/6/79
 DATE: February 28, 1955

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SYNOPSIS:

On 1-10-55, Sinatra executed a sworn affidavit for the Passport Division of the State Department at New York City, stating that he was not then and had never been a member of the Communist Party (CP) or of any organization of a subversive character. On 2-17-55, the Washington Field Office was advised in confidence that the Passport Division was sending the above affidavit to the Department with a request for investigation to determine whether criminal proceedings against Sinatra for making a false statement in an application for a passport were warranted. The Director agreed with Mr. Tolson's suggestion that a complete summary be prepared on Sinatra. As yet the Bureau has not been requested to conduct any investigation. There is attached a summary memorandum concerning Sinatra dated 9-29-50. This memorandum reflects the following information concerning him: Sinatra never investigated by the Bureau, however, in 1944 a limited inquiry was made into his Selective Service status following the receipt of an anonymous letter that he had paid \$40,000 for 4F classification. Inquiry established that Sinatra was rejected for military service because of an ear ailment and emotional instability. Sinatra born Hoboken, New Jersey, December 12, 1915, 1916, or 1917. Arrested Sheriff's Office, Hackensack, New Jersey, on charge of Seduction in 1938, charge dismissed; arrested April 9, 1947, Hollywood, California, on charge of Battery. No disposition given. In 1950, Sinatra, through another party, offered his services to the Bureau as he felt that due to publicity connecting him with subversive groups, he might be of service to the Bureau. His offer was declined. In 1945, an informant described as reliable [redacted] stated that he had heard from other CP members that Sinatra was a member of the CP. Sinatra has been associated with numerous groups cited by the Attorney General, the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), or California Committee on Un-American Activities as a sponsor or as a speaker. In 1946, he was elected as one of the vice-chairmen of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (ICCASP) in New York City. The ICCASP has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The summary reflects that he was associated with such

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well known hoodlums as Willie Moretti, Ralph Capone (reported to be a relative), Fischetti brothers, and Charles "Lucky" Luciano. It has been reported that Moretti and Capone financed Sinatra's career. In 1947, Sinatra received considerable publicity when he associated with Luciano in Cuba. A review of Bureau files from 1950 to date reflected that Sinatra was reported in 1950, by a source of unknown reliability, to have taken \$1,000,000 cash to Luciano in Italy, and to have attended a Mafia meeting in 1951 in Cuba. As of February, 1954, his name appeared on the license of the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, a gambling house. Newspaper articles indicate that Sinatra is now anti-Communist.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information. ✓

DETAILS:

Washington Field Office has received information on 2-17-55 that the Passport Division of the State Department was sending two copies of an affidavit executed by Sinatra to the Department along with a request for investigation to determine whether criminal proceedings against subject for apparent violation of 18 USC 1542 were warranted (false statement in application for US passport). On October 1, 1955, Sinatra executed a sworn affidavit for the Passport Division of the State Department in New York City, stating that he was not then or had never been a member of the Communist Party or of any organization of a subversive character. To date the Bureau has received no request to investigate this matter. The Director agreed with Mr. Tolson's suggestion that a complete summary be prepared on Sinatra.

There is attached a summary memorandum dated September 29, 1950, a brief summary of which is set out in the synopsis of this memorandum. Bureau files were reviewed from September, 1950 to date.

A review of our files since September, 1950, reflected the

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following information concerning Sinatra:

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b7D In 1950, [REDACTED] then a potential confidential informant whose identity should be kept confidential, advised that he had heard a rumor that Sinatra had delivered \$1,000,000 cash to Lucky Luciano in Italy. (91-5535-6616 page 93)

The General Investigative Intelligence Files of the New York office, dated April 15 through October 15, 1954, reported that Frank Sinatra was alleged to have been present in 1951 at a meeting of members of the Mafia in Cuba. Lucky Luciano was also reported as attending this meeting. (62-75147-34-205 page 105)

As of February 16, 1954, Sinatra was listed on the license of the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, a gambling house. (62-75147-44-576)

✓ The "Daily Worker" an east coast Communist newspaper, of April 10, 1951, contained an article captioned "Where Are the Big Stars Who Once Opposed the Un-Americans?" The article mentioned Frank Sinatra as one who had at one time made strong statements against the HCUA but was now silent. (100-138754-835 page 43)

✓ The New York "Daily News" of April 27, 1951, reported that on the preceding day the Stop-Communism Committee was launched to fight against "Red influence in the entertainment world." Sinatra was listed as participating in a rally sponsored by the Committee. (100-138754-835 page 58)

In 1954, Sinatra volunteered to go to Korea for the Christmas season to entertain the troops. However, his offer was refused by the Army. On September 16, 1954, Sinatra talked with Army officers regarding the Army's refusal to permit him to entertain troops in Korea, and the Army informed him that the refusal was based on various newspaper articles to the effect that he had been connected with various Communist front activities. Sinatra stated at that time that he hated Communism and he had never been a member of a Communist organization. that

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FRANCIS ALBINO SINATRA,
also known as FRANK SINATRA
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Sinatra is the well-known singer and motion picture actor. No investigation has been conducted of him previously.

In [redacted] affidavit dated [redacted] for the Passport Division of the Department of State. One Photostat of this affidavit and its covering certification is attached for each office receiving copies of this letter.

A summary of information in Bureau files concerning Sinatra was furnished the Department of State on December 30, 1954. One Photostat of this summary is attached for each of the offices receiving copies of this letter.

By memorandum of March 7, 1955, Assistant Attorney General Tompkins requested an investigation of Sinatra to determine if sufficient evidence exists to warrant prosecution of Sinatra under Section 1001 and 1542 of Title 18, U.S.C. A Photostat of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins' memorandum is attached for each office.

Each office receiving copies of this memorandum is instructed to make a thorough search of indices for subversive information concerning Sinatra. Logical informants should also be contacted. In instances where subversive information is developed which would appear to place Sinatra in violation of either Section 1001 or Section 1542, the original source should be recontacted. That source should verify the information and you should make every effort to secure a signed statement. Only one report should be prepared in this matter.

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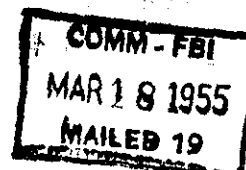
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Inasmuch as Sinatra listed Los Angeles as his permanent residence in his application for a passport, that office is designated as origin and will prepare a prosecutive summary report in accordance with SAC Letter 54-74, Section I. Auxiliary offices should forward results by letter to Los Angeles. All information should be fully documented at the time it is forwarded Los Angeles and allegations must run out to a logical conclusion. Where leads are developed, for offices not receiving copies of this letter the foregoing instructions should be repeated.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

March 7, 1955

FROM : William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General,
Internal Security DivisionSUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka. FRANK'S
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
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Information has recently been received from the Department of State to the effect that the captioned subject in attempting to secure a passport filed with that Department an affidavit dated January 10, 1955 in which he stated that he had never been a member of the Communist Party or any Communist front organizations. This Division has also been advised that the Department of State received information from your Bureau which indicates that the subject has been affiliated with a number of Communist front organizations and that it has also been alleged that he was a member of the Communist Party.

Inasmuch as the statements contained in his affidavit, if false, would constitute a violation of Title 18, U.S.C., Sections 1001 or 1542, it would be appreciated if you would conduct an appropriate investigation to determine whether sufficient evidence exists to warrant prosecution under the statutes.

For your information and assistance there is transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of the affidavit executed by the subject

Enclosure
No. 76201

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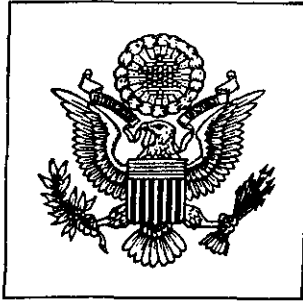
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

ify That the document hereunto annexed is a true copy from the
of this Department.

In testimony whereof, I, JOHN FOSTER DULLES,

Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Authentication Officer of the said Department, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this _____ sixteenth day of _____ February, 1955.

John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State.

By Barbara Hartman
Authentication Officer, Department of State.

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File # 62-83219 Section 2



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 31, 1955

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-41153)

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
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Rebulet to Los Angeles dated March 18, 1955

The files of the Philadelphia office contain the
following subversive information on the above-captioned
subject:

PH file 100-30258-24

b2 b7D Letter to Bureau dated December 12, 1945,
captioned "FRANK SINATRA, SM-C," stated as follows:
"Recently, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that[REDACTED] that FRANK SINATRA, well-known radio and movie star,
is a member of the Communist Party. He was told that SINATRA
formerly held membership in the American Youth for Democracy
organization of New Jersey but has recently been admitted to
the New York branch of the Communist Party. *qu*b2 b7D [REDACTED] advised that the reason SINATRA was dis-
cussed was because of the recent article which appeared on
him in 'Life' magazine setting forth his position on racial
hatred and showing SINATRA talking before a Gary, Ind., high
school group. *qu*DGC;jfm;AJGH
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DIRECTOR, FBI
PH 100-41153

March 31, 1955

✓ "On November 25, 1945, a full-page article appeared in the Sunday 'Worker' on FRANK SINATRA. This article was written by WALTER LOWENFELS, Philadelphia correspondent for 'The Worker.' *Pa.*

✓ "In the Sunday 'Worker' dated December 2, 1945, under 'Pennsylvania News,' the following item appeared: 'FRANK SINATRA is going to get a gold medal and a silver plaque at the Broadwood Hotel, December 10. He will receive the first annual Golden Slipper Square Club Unity Award for his contribution to racial and religious tolerance.'"

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b7D Philadelphia files fail to reflect to whom and the specific date previous to December 12, 1945, the above information was furnished  alleging that SINATRA was a member of the CP. *Pa*

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PH file 100-20375-170 p.7

The above reference, which is entitled "Weekly Intelligence Summary, Army Service Forces, Headquarters Third Service Command, Baltimore 2, Md.," dated May 5, 1945, received by the Philadelphia Office by mail, reflects that a meeting of the Steering Committee of Magistrate RAINEY's Teen-Age Conference, May 1, set forth its determination to send a resolution to the Governor regarding endorsement of the Farrell Recreation Bill. It was announced that Reverend DANIEL A. POLING was to be the principal speaker at a May 14th Teen-Age Mass Rally, with the Ink Spots, ELIA FITZGERALD, and FRANK SINATRA as added attractions.

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March 31, 1955

PH file 100-22381-604

b2 On October 8, 1946 [redacted] advised that MARCELLA SLOANE, Executive Secretary of the American Youth for Democracy, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on October 8, 1946, telephoned JOE LOUIS, world's heavyweight boxing champion, at Wadsworth 3-8092 in New York City and invited him to be guest of honor at the third annual banquet of the AYD to be held late in the fall of 1946 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Adelphia Hotel, 13th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. *fu*

The same informant also advised on October 8, 1946, that the prizefighter BILLY CONN had accepted MARCELLA SLOANE's invitation to be present at the banquet and that efforts were being made to secure the attendance of FRANK SINATRA and Representative VITO MARCANTONIO, among others. *fu*

Philadelphia is not in possession of any information that would indicate that SINATRA attended this affair.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City, N. Y.

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b7C New York Office is requested to recontact [redacted] to verify information furnished by him regarding FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA immediately previous to December 12, 1945. Every effort should be made to secure a signed statement from [redacted] and results of the recontact should be furnished to the office of origin, Los Angeles. *fu*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 8, 1955

FROM : *FHM* SAC, Detroit (100-24093)CLASS. & EXT. BY *2602/mek*

REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.2

DATE OF REVIEW *16/89*SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka
Frank Sinatra
SECURITY MATTER - C;
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENTDECLASSIFIED BY *5268 S. Wilson*ON *11/3/85**appeal # 100-10000*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Rebulet to Los Angeles, March 18, 1955.

The May 13, 1946 edition of the "Michigan Chronicle", a weekly newspaper published in Detroit, carried an article captioned "Frank Sinatra Honored By Detroit Youth Groups".

This article reflected that SINATRA was presented with a trophy for his promotion of interracial and intercultural understanding. SINATRA expressed his appreciation to those presenting the trophy.

Among those participating in the presentation was ANNABELL PURDY, American Youth for Democracy. (The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.)

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A copy of the above mentioned article is enclosed herewith for Los Angeles. If Los Angeles incorporates this information in its report and desires the original article, Detroit will forward same upon request.

advised on March 24,

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Letter to the Director, FBI

Re: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
SM-C; FAG

✓ 1955 that to her knowledge FRANK SINATRA was never active in any CP or related front group activities in the State of Michigan.

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[REDACTED] advised on March 29, 1955 that to his knowledge FRANK SINATRA was never active in the CP or related front group activities in the State of Michigan.

Other Informants contacted who stated that FRANK SINATRA is unknown to them as being active in CP or related group activities in the Detroit area are as follows:

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[REDACTED]
Contacted by SA [REDACTED] on
March 25, 1955.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
Contacted by SA [REDACTED] on
March 28, 1955.

[REDACTED]
Contacted by SA [REDACTED] on
March 25, 1955.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-80275) **L. I. R. - 7**

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka:
Frank Sinatra
SM - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
(OO - Los Angeles)

DATE: 4/19/55

DECLASSIFIED BY: 5668 SLD/KJ
ON: 11/31/85

Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles, dated 3/18/55.

The files of the New York Office contain the following subversive information on the above-captioned subject:

b7C Washington Field Office report dated 8/1/46, by SA [redacted] captioned, "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER; ESPIONAGE-R", on page 58, Washington Field file number 100-17493, reflects, under sub-captioned [redacted]

b2 b7D "The following information was obtained through [redacted] inclusive: *pu*

b7C b7D [redacted] BEANIE (C. B. BALDWIN), Executive Vice Chairman of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, who very recently in Washington's Willard Hotel conducted an intensive four day course in practical politics under the sponsorship of the NCPAC, about the 'September 2nd thing'. The 'September 2nd thing' [redacted] was a big concert in the Hollywood Bowl on that date. It was expected to draw 23,000 people. [redacted]

[redacted] it would feature ROBINSON (perhaps EDWARD G. ROBINSON), GREGORY PECK and FRANK SINATRA. RUBINSTEIN would do a concerto, PAUL ROBESON might sing, and the symphony orchestra would consist of 100 pieces. [redacted]

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Letter to Director, FBI
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The New York Office is not in possession of any information that would indicate that SINATRA attended this affair.

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The Washington Field Office is requested to verify information furnished [REDACTED] and any further information they have in their possession concerning FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA. *PU*

Results of any information by any informant should be furnished to the Office of Origin, Los Angeles, and every effort should be made to secure signed statements from informants.

For the information of the Washington Field Office, referenced letter states that SINATRA is the well-known singer and motion picture actor.

In order to receive a passport, SINATRA signed an affidavit dated 1/10/55, for the Passport Division of the Department of State. A summary of information in Bureau files concerning SINATRA was furnished the Department of State on 12/10/54.

By memorandum of 3/7/55, Assistant Attorney General TOMPKINS requested an investigation of SINATRA to determine if sufficient evidence exists to warrant prosecution of SINATRA under Sections 1001 and 1524 of Title 18, United States Code.

Each office was requested to make a thorough search of indices for subversive information concerning SINATRA. Logical informants should also be contacted. In instances where subversive information is developed which would appear to place SINATRA in violation of either Section 1001 or Section 1524, the original source should be recontacted. That source should verify the information and ^{you} should make every effort to secure a signed statement. Only one report should be prepared in this matter. Inasmuch

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as SINATRA listed Los Angeles as his permanent residence in his application for a passport, that office is designated as Origin, and will prepare a Prosecutive Summary report in accordance with SAC letter 54-74, Section 1.

Auxiliary offices should forward results by letter to Los Angeles. All information should be fully documented at the time it is forwarded to Los Angeles and allegations must run out to a logical conclusion.

Where leads are developed, for offices not receiving copies of this letter, the foregoing instructions should be repeated.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/25/55

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41413)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA,
also known as FRANK SINATRA
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENTDECLASSIFIED BY... 2602/nel
ON... 9/16/79

Re Bureau letter dated March 18, 1955 to Los Angeles.

b7C The Bureau by letter to Springfield dated July 11, 1951, captioned [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] furnished a photostatic copy of a letter written by [REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois, dated July 23, 1950, addressed to Mr. WALTER WINCHELL. A copy of this letter was confidentially furnished to the Bureau. The letter contains quotations from a booklet written by KENNETH GOFF entitled "Confessions of Stalin's Agent." One of the quotations describes SINATRA as "one of the outstanding Reds in Hollywood." According to [REDACTED] letter, the booklet also includes other allegations concerning SINATRA.

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b7C For the information of the Denver Office the Bureau has instructed
b7D that an investigation be conducted of SINATRA. A copy of referenced Bureau letter containing these instructions is being furnished to Denver herewith. That office is also being furnished with a copy of [REDACTED] letter referred to above.

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In view of [REDACTED] comments the Denver Office is being requested to consider the advisability of interviewing GOFF based on their past contacts with him. If it is felt that the interview can be conducted without embarrassment to the Bureau, GOFF should be interviewed in line with referenced Bureau letter.

This matter should be afforded expeditious attention.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/26/55

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41413)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA,
aka Frank Sinatra
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Rebulet to Los Angeles 3/18/55.

It is noted that the HCUA publication "Index V, Cumulative Index to Publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities", January 19, 1953, page 644, indicates that FRANK SINATRA is referred to in the following HUCA reports:

- 1 - "Hearings on GERALD L. K. SMITH", January 30, 1946;
- 2 - "Hearings on H. R. 1884 and H. R. 2122, Bills to Curb or Outlaw the Communist Party of the United States", March 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 1947;
- 3 - "Testimony of WALTER S. STEELE", July 21, 1947.

The Washington Field Office is requested to review the above references, and also other possible references to subject in HCUA files, as well as in the files of other appropriate investigative committees for pertinent information on subject. Any facts uncovered which would appear to have probative value in connection with this case should be developed and leads set forth where considered necessary.

Copy of reference letter is being furnished the WFO herewith.

This matter should receive expeditious attention.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/28/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-31468)

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2

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ReNYlet 4/19/55.

Information referred to in reflet came from [redacted] a technical source. It does not identify the organization sponsoring the 9/2/46 affair at the Hollywood Bowl. It does not identify FRANK SINATRA, other than grouping him with other movie actors, nor does this information reflect that this FRANK SINATRA did attend. In view of above, New York request in this regard will not be complied with. *fu*

The files of WFO do not contain information re FRANK SINATRA other than that already in possession of Los Angeles; information of no value to this investigation; or information which cannot be identified with subject.

In the last category is information furnished by [redacted] who advised SA [redacted] that the National Negro Congress in connection with the "Win the Peace" organization, was going to support a mass crusade in Washington on the weekend of 9/21/46 to focus attention on lynchings, discrimination, and police brutality. The Crusade was organized by PAUL ROBESON and in addition well-known figures who would attend were ORSON WELLS and FRANK SINATRA (not otherwise identified). She advised that actually plans for the Crusade were crystalized in the CP in New York, but locally, although the party had received no official instructions to participate, the local CP chairman was doing all he could to promote the demonstration. Documentation of above is available to Los Angeles. *Q u*

No further action being taken by WFO. RUC.

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FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

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Reurlet 4/25/55 and Denver letter 4/25/55

In view of the very general nature of information which Goff has written concerning Sinatra coupled with his own questionable activities, Goff should not be interviewed.

If during the course of your investigation you develop good reason to believe Goff has information of specific nature concerning Sinatra you should bring this to the attention of the Bureau with your recommendation as to whether or not he should be contacted for this information.

2cc - Denver (100-7464) (For Information)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Oliver Kenneth Goff is a self-styled free-lance Evangelist who claims to have been a member of the Communist Party in Wisconsin during 1936 through 1939. He has recently written numerous books and pamphlets of a very inflammatory nature along the anti-Communist line. He attempts to commercialize with his alleged past connection with the CP and his life. He was convicted in 1948 in United States District Court, Washington, D. C., in connection with his placing anti-Communist signs on the grounds of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. He regularly goes on speaking tours and makes extravagant claims of Communist plans and policies. In 1951 he was arrested in Denver, Colorado, because he ripped the Soviet flag in a United Nations display at the Denver Civic Center. He has expressed great willingness to testify in any trial in which the Government would request using him as a witness.

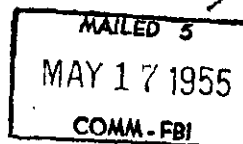
Additional details regarding Goff to referenced Denver letter can be found in Bufile 100-38808, captioned [redacted] in a memo dated 3/16/55 to AAG Tompkins.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/6/55

FROM : SAC, DENVER (100-7464)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka
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Re Los Angeles letter to Director dated 4/25/55 requesting Denver to consider the advisability of interviewing Reverend OLIVER KENNETH GOFF, Englewood, Colorado.

The following information concerning GOFF was furnished the Bureau by Denver letter dated 3/3/55 in the case entitled [REDACTED] Bufile 100-38808.

As the Bureau is aware, KENNETH GOFF has never been used by the Denver Office as a confidential informant, nor as a confidential source. Also, the only contacts with GOFF by the Denver Office have been upon specific request by the Bureau in loyalty and applicant type cases, and in each instance where possible, the Denver Office would obtain a signed statement from GOFF, who readily furnished same and who readily volunteered to appear before any court of law or hearing board to testify as to the facts in his signed statements.

KENNETH GOFF is a self-styled free lance Evangelist who for the past number of years has been speaking around the U. S. regarding the threat of Communism to the U. S. GOFF is a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party at Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the years 1936 to 1939 and claims to have been a leading functionary of the Communist Party of the U. S. during those years.

In the case entitled [REDACTED] report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/4/45 at Denver, the Bureau was advised that GOFF organized the "Christian Youth for America" at Englewood, Colorado, in December, 1943, and published a monthly newspaper, "The Pilgrim Torch" that was closely associated with GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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By letter dated January 20, 1949 under the caption
[REDACTED] the Denver Office advised the Bureau

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In the Bureau case entitled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], GOFF was found guilty by jury trial on February 25, 1948, in United States District Court, District of Columbia, and was fined \$100 as a result of the subject's placing anti-Communist signs before the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. GOFF furnished a signed statement in this case admitting participation in placing these signs on the grounds of the Soviet Embassy on July 31, 1947.

GOFF has been a controversial figure at Denver and Englewood, Colorado, for the past number of years and presently resides at 3406 South Bryant Street, Englewood, Colorado. In GOFF's speaking tours he also creates considerable controversy, which has resulted in many individuals and Bureau offices writing to the Bureau and the Denver Office concerning his activities. In GOFF's speaking tours he speaks on the following subjects:

- "Treason in Our State Department"
- "Red Secret Plot for Seizure of Denver"
- "Do the Reds Plan to Come by Alaska"
- "Should We Use the Atom Bomb"
- "The New Bible. Is It of Communist Origin"
- "What is the Kremlin's Next Move"
- "Traitors in the Pulpit, or What's Behind the Flying Saucers - Are They from Russia, Another Planet or God?"

Also, some of the titles of GOFF's books, which he publishes voluminously are:

- "Will Russia Invade America"
- "One World A Red World"
- "Confessions of Stalin's Agent"

The "Rocky Mountain News" on October 25, 1951, contained an article stating that, "Three Englewood persons were ordered to appear in Denver Municipal Court as an aftermath

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of the ripping of the Soviet flag yesterday at Civic Center. Mr. and Mrs. KENNETH GOFF were two of these three individuals". The newspaper article continued that "The Soviet flag was being raised into position in the United Nations display flanking the walks at Civic Center when an unidentified man raced up and ripped the flag with a sharp instrument and darted into a waiting car. One of the spectators took down the license of the car, which belonged to KENNETH GOFF, self-named director of the Colorado Anti-Communist League."

In view of the above the Denver Office will not interview GOFF UACB.

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Memo to AAG Tompkins

3/16/55 gives info re Goff.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/18/55

9/6/79

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41413)

CLASS. & EXT. BY: 2602/mek

REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2

DATE OF REVIEW: 9/6/89

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
aka. Frank Sinatra
SECURITY MATTER-C,
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Rebulet to Los Angeles dated 3/18/55 and Albany
letter to Los Angeles dated 4/21/55.

Attached to rebulet was a confidential summary dated
12/30/54 which set forth information on page 11 under the
caption "Young Communist League" to the effect that a confidential
and reliable informant had advised in early 1944 that SAM
FALCONE, a prominent CP member, Schenectady, New York, proposed
that FRANK SINATRA be requested to participate in a fund-raising
program. The above-described informant had also reported
FALCONE as having stated that SINATRA was an old member of the
YCL and would come to Schenectady for the CP at a nominal rate.

62, b7D Referenced Albany letter reflects that [redacted] was
contacted on 4/13/55 and recalled that SAM FALCONE had
proposed in 1945 that FRANK SINATRA come to Schenectady to
be on a fund-raising program inasmuch, according to FALCONE,
as SINATRA was an old member of the YCL and would come for the
CP at a nominal rate. Informant knew of no additional
information regarding SINATRA nor if SINATRA was, in fact,
ever contacted about coming to Schenectady.

62, b7D [redacted] who is described in referenced Albany
letter as having furnished reliable information in the past,
was listed as [redacted]

[redacted] She requested that her name
be concealed because of her position.

62, b7D Referenced Albany letter also reported an interview
on 4/13/55 with [redacted] described as a self-admitted former
member of the YCL from approximately [redacted]

[redacted] stated he
did not recall anything about FRANK SINATRA coming to Schenectady
for any kind of a fund-raising program and had never heard

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b7C anything which would indicate SINATRA was ever a member of the
b7D CP or the YCL. [redacted] did recall that sometime in 1944 it
was suggested by the CIO Council that some big names come to
Schenectady for a CIO meeting to help obtain votes for ROOSEVELT
[redacted] did not have any recollection of SINATRA's name
being mentioned. 24

b7C The Albany Office is being requested to advise if
b7D any explanations can be submitted which would serve to reconcile
these two contradictory reports. Since the Albany letter did
not specifically comment on the reliability of the information
furnished in the past by [redacted] such a comment may be of
assistance. It is also suggested that Albany informants may
be in a position to state whether it was the occasional practice
of YCL or CP leaders in that area to attribute CP membership
to prominent individuals such as SINATRA. 24

b2 It is pointed out that the information furnished
b7D by [redacted] is particularly significant in this case if it
can be established and undoubtedly served as an important
consideration by the Department in requesting instant
investigation. Because of this the Albany Office is being
requested to pursue this matter to its logical conclusion,
interviewing additional informants if necessary.

The foregoing should receive expeditious attention.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/23/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-31468)

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DATE 9/6/79 BY 2602/mek

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
aka, Frank Sinatra
SECURITY MATTER - C
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
(OO: Los Angeles)

Re Los Angeles letter to Director dated 4/26/55.

b7C SA [REDACTED] Records of the HCUA were checked on 5/9, 10/55 by [REDACTED]. These records contained the following information concerning SINATRA:

On 1/30/46, GERALD L. K. SMITH testified before the HCUA Committee which was headed by Honorable JOHN W. WOOD, Chairman. Page 17, paragraph 1, of this testimony contained a petition filed with the committee by SMITH. This petition was entitled, "A Petition for Redress of Grievances and for an Investigation into Promoted Terrorism, Denial of Civil Liberty, Conspiracy Against Freedom, Organized Character Assassination, Corrupt Practice, Organized Rioting, etc." The part of SMITH's petition pertaining to SINATRA is quoted as follows:

"I petition this committee of Congress to investigate the activities of FRANK SINATRA who, on the surface seems to be just a highly paid emaciated crooner, but who recently gave support to a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy which held an elaborate banquet at the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles and which organization was recently branded by J. EDGAR HOOVER as the successor to the Young Communist League and one of the most dangerous outfits in the nation."

Page 46 of SMITH's testimony is as follows:

"SMITH:

Shortly after that, the Youth for Democracy, which is the successor of the Young Communist League, held a banquet at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

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"Mr. ADAMSON:

Is that the American Youth?

"SMITH:

himself
The American Youth for Democracy, successor to the Young Communist League. The most conspicuous personality used in advertising this meeting was the much publicized crooner, FRANK SINATRA. Then SINATRA entered into a campaign to exonerate these children who had been leaders in this organization for truancy. At this same meeting, the much publicized movie star, INGRID BERGMAN appeared and spoke. At this banquet, were the most outstanding Communists of the state. *Calit*

"Mr. THOMAS:

You wouldn't say FRANK SINATRA was a Communist, would you?

"SMITH:

He may not be that intelligently, but he certainly is being used by the CP because when you take a man that is publicized as he is and then direct the spotlight that leads right to a young Communist banquet, you overtake millions of young people unprepared for that sort of persuasion and lead them to believe that Communism is respectable.

"Mr. THOMAS:

Would you say he was sort of a Mrs. ROOSEVELT in pants? (laughter)

"SMITH:

Well, I would not want to represent myself as an authority on that, but I would say this, Congressman, that I am convinced that FRANK SINATRA is not a naive dupe. He has been appearing recently and frequently at meetings known to be set up by the CP.

"Mr. THOMAS:

He and I live in the same county in New Jersey.

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"SMITH:

Well, of course you must consider the SINATRA vote. I don't think they are for you."

Page 47, Paragraph one, of SMITH's testimony before the HCUA is quoted as follows:

"There is a cabal in California which includes ~~Congress-~~
~~man~~ PATTERSON, HELEN CAHAGAN, ORSEN WELLS, FRANK SINATRA,
and INGRID BERGMAN, who are playing with STALIN's first
line."

Page 54 of SMITH's testimony is as follows:

"SMITH:

Here is a copy of a telegram I sent to Miss BERGMAN and I think I sent a copy to this committee.

"Mr. ADAMSON:

What is the date of it?

"SMITH:

1/12/46." (The telegram mentioned above is quoted as follows:)

"It is reported that on December 16 you participated in a program held under the auspices of the American Union for Democracy at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, together with FRANK SINATRA and others. About the same time, J. EDGAR HOOVER, speaking before the Catholic Youth Organization of New York City, asserted this organization was successor to the Young Communist League and was positively organizing a campaign to undermine our American government. Did you appear at this banquet with an intelligent understanding of its sponsorship, or were you the innocent victim of a slick program committee? A copy of this telegram has been forwarded to the Congressional Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities and to J. EDGAR HOOVER."

"I received no reply or recognition to that."

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The following is taken from hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 80th Congress, on H.R. 1884, and H.R. 2122 Bills to curb or outlaw the Communist Party of the U.S., 3/24-28/47.

Page 264, this report, is contained testimony of JACK B. TENNEY, State Senator, Sacramento, California, on 3/26/47:

"Mr. MUNDT:

Am I correct in my memory that FRANK SINATRA addressed the American Youth for Democracy Organization?

"TENNEY:

That is right. He was a sponsor of that organization, also one of the sponsors at a banquet given by them at which they presented awards to certain Young Communists who were present. FRANK SINATRA and many others have supported Youth for American Democracy in California.

"Mr. MUNDT:

Has he ever repudiated the American Youth for Democracy?

"TENNEY:

Not to my knowledge.

"Mr. MUNDT:

Was it declared by J. EDGAR HOOVER to be a Communist Front Organization for Youth in this country?

"TENNEY:

Yes, no; I have never heard any repudiation. That is one of the amazing things our committee has found."

Page 294 of the hearings on 1884 etc., contained the testimony of ERIC JOHNSTON, President, Motion Picture Association of America, in which a mention of FRANK SINATRA was made. This testimony is quoted as follows:

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"RICHARD B. VAIL:

Testimony before this committee in the last few days has indicated that there are several prominent figures in the moving picture industry, prominent actors in particular, who support Communist activities. I have in mind, in particular, the names that have been mentioned: MARCH, ROBINSON, SINATRA and CAGNEY. In your opinion (Mr. JOHNSTON), are those individuals concerned with the progress of Communism in this country?

"Mr. JOHNSTON:

I have no knowledge to that effect. "

Page 298 contained further testimony of JOHNSTON. This testimony was as follows:

"Mr. MUNDT:

It doesn't work out that way. We asked Senator TENNEY from your state of California , yesterday for example, whether or not it was correct that one of your constituents, Mr. SINATRA, had addressed and endorsed the American Youth for Democracy in California, and he said he had. We have exposed the AYD as a Communist Organization. J. EDGAR HOOVER has exposed it as a Communist Organization. There is no longer any doubt because the CP admits parenthood of the AYD, but so far as the record reveals, Mr. SINATRA has never, at any time, dupe though he may be, taken himself away from his endorsement of the movement. It doesn't always work that way, does it?

"Mr. JOHNSTON:

In most instances that I know of it has.

"Mr. MUNDT:

And where it has, I agree that we should not be unduly suspicious of the dupe, but where a man in the position of Mr. SINATRA fails or declines

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or refuses to remove his endorsement of the Communist Organization, don't you feel that that is inimical to the best interests of America?

"Mr. JOHNSTON:

I am unfamiliar with the facts."

The following is the testimony of WALTER S. STEELE regarding Communist activities in the U.S. On 7/21/47, Mr. STEELE testified before the committee chaired by J. PARNELL THOMAS. The following is the testimony of Mr. STEELE in regard to FRANK SINATRA:

Page 80, Paragraph 4, of this testimony is quoted as follows:

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"The American Youth for a Free World later announced that it had received a call to the World Youth Conference in January, 1945, and it accordingly held a meeting of representatives of the Youth Movements of the U.S. at which was set up a U.S. Arrangements Committee for the World Youth Conference. The conference was held in London in November, 1945. The members of the Arrangements Committee, in turn, elected delegates to the conference. The delegates included MEYER BASS, New York City; GLOSTER CURRENT, New York City; NAOMI CHERTOFF, New York City; FRANCES DAMON, New York City; LAWRENCE DAY, Washington, D. C.; JOSEPH ENGEL, New York City; ELSA GRAVES, Long Island; ELIZABETH GREEN, Boston; ALICE HORTON, New York City; MURIEL JACOBSON, New York City; ESTHER COOPER, Jackson, Alabama; RUSSELL JONES, New York City; MOLLIE LIEBER, ALEXANDER MAPP, LEMPIR MATTHEWS, ELIZABETH MC CANDLESS, THOMAS NEILL, ANN POSTMA, DORIS SENK and OLIVIA STOKES. FRANK SINATRA is credited by them with having assisted in raising funds to defray the expenses of the delegates to the World Conference."

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Page 106, Paragraph 5, of STEELE's testimony is quoted as follows:

"Also active in the play and film field is the IWO which sponsored road shows and film entertainment of an educational nature. Short films by FRANK SINATRA are also featured. CHARLES COOPER is National Director of IWO activities."

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The following information was contained on indices cards in the general index of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. No attempt was made to check the information with the periodicals or other sources from which it was taken. It is noted that all these cards were entitled, FRANK SINATRA:

(1) Singer--Action for Palestine Rally from the People's World, September 27, 1947, Page 3.

(2) Committee for the first amendment, signer of statement attacking the Committee on Un-American Activities from People's Daily World, October 29, 1947, page 3.

(3) Supported broadcast against hearings on Un-American Activities in the motion picture industry from the Worker, November 2, 1947, page 5.

(4) Progressive Citizens of American Film, "The House I Live In" to be shown 11/21/47 at Bret Harte School, from People's Daily World, 11/21/47, page 4.

(5) Daily Worker, 1/7/46, page 11, columns one and two. New Masses awards for greater interracial understanding, received award, honored at dinner, Hotel Commodore, New York City, 1/14/46.

(6) Hollywood Intelligent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. FRANK SINATRA was listed as Vice-Chairman of this on a letterhead dated 5/28/46 and 12/10/46.

(7) New Masses Second Annual Awards Dinner; received award for contribution made to promote democracy and interracial unity from New Masses dated 11/18/47, page 7.

(8) American Society for Cultural Relations with Italy. Member of the Board of Directors from the L' Unita' del Popolo, 3/8/47.

(9) Defended by MIKE GOLD, Daily Worker, 4/12/47, Page 6.

For the information of Los Angeles, the Washington Field Office checks only HCUA files and no other investigative committee. RUC

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/27/55

FROM: SAC, Albany (100-15719)

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REASON: FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW: 9/6/89SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, Aka
Frank Sinatra
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letter to Los Angeles dated April 21, 1955; and Los Angeles
letter to Director dated May 18, 1955.As requested in Los Angeles letter to Director
dated May 18, 1955, this is to advise that [REDACTED]
furnished reliable information in the past. *eu*[REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised on May 24, 1955,
that it was a common practice of the Communist Party to use
prominent names for their cause which implied that these
prominent individuals were members of the Communist Party.
He stated he knew of no information concerning subject. *eu*[REDACTED]
who has been contacted so infrequently that his reliability
has not been determined, advised on May 24, 1955, that he
heard stories in the early 1940's and middle 1940's that subject
may come to the Schenectady area. He stated that he did not
know why subject was going to come to Schenectady, but stated
that it was common Communist Party practice to use the names
of prominent individuals, stating that these individuals were
"comrades," so as to help the Communist Party cause. He advised
he knew of no information which would place subject in the
YCL at that time. *eu*

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REGISTERED MAIL

2 cc: Los Angeles (100-41413)(RM)

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OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP
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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka: Frank Sinatra; SM-C; FAG
(OO: Los Angeles)

CLASS. & EXT. BY 2002/1/12
REASON: FCIM 1242
DATE OF REVIEW 9/6/87

ReBulet to Los Angeles, 3/18/55.

Enclosed for the Newark Office is a copy of Philadelphia
letter to Director, 3/31/55.

Newark Office is requested to cover lead set out
for the NYO inasmuch as investigation, NY,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Mr. Belmont

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

[REDACTED] *q u*

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b7D It is further noted in the NY file that [REDACTED] stated that he did not mind cooperating when it was necessary for agents to contact him, but that he wished it to be done in a manner that would not jeopardize his employment. *q u*

NYO attempted to contact [REDACTED] in a discreet manner as to the desires of [REDACTED] but inasmuch as he did not contact [REDACTED] is requested to discreetly contact [REDACTED] to verify information furnished by him regarding FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA. *q u*

[REDACTED] also expressed the desire that, if possible, such contacts be limited to one agent. *q u*

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Newark (100-40496)

DATE: 6/14/55

CLASS. & EXT. BY 26021 *me* 9/6/79

REASON - FCIM 12.4.2

DATE OF REVIEW 9/6/89

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, Aka.
 Frank Sinatra
 SECURITY MATTER - C
 FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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 DECLASSIFIED BY 5722 SLP/K
 ON 11/21/85

Rebulet to Los Angeles dated 3/18/55 and re New York
 Airtel to Director dated 5/31/55.

A description was obtained from the subject's Selective
 Service file which was reviewed on 2/9/44 by SA [redacted]
 at Local Draft Board #19, for Hudson County, Room 308, 26 Journal
 Square, Jersey City, N. J. (The Chief Clerk at this Board was
 Mrs. MAE E. JONES.) The original location in the Newark files
 is 25-8050.

Name
 Race
 Birth
 Birthplace
 Residence
 Height
 Weight
 Build
 Hair
 Eyes
 Complexion
 Scars and Marks
 Occupation
 Education
 Marital Status
 Wife
 Daughter
 Father
 Mother

FRANK ALBERT SINATRA

White

12/12/15 (given on 2 forms); and
 12/12/16 on another form

Hoboken, N. J.

220 Lawrence Avenue

Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

5' 7 1/2"

119 pounds

Slight

Dark brown

Blue

Ruddy

Mastoid scars behind left ear;
 scar on left side of chin below mouth
 Vocalist

4 years high school; 1 year business
 school

Married on 2/4/39 at Jersey City, N.J.

NANCY R. SINATRA, same address as
 husband

NANCY SANDRA SINATRA

Born 6/8/40

ANTHONY SINATRA, age 52

Hoboken, N. J.

NATALIE SINATRA, age 49

Hoboken, N. J.

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cc: 1 - Los Angeles - REGISTERED MAIL

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Social Security No.: 138-16-0442

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SA [REDACTED] learned in early 1944 that FRANK SINATRA had a criminal record in Bergen County, N. J. From [REDACTED] Bergen County Jail, Hackensack, N. J., there was obtained the following:

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FRANK SINATRA was arrested under number 42799, Bergen County Sheriff's Office, Hackensack, N. J. He was arrested on 11/26/38, charged with seduction. The disposition was marked "Dismissed."

FRANK SINATRA under arrest number 42977 was arrested on 12/22/38, charged with adultery. Disposition of this charge was not listed.

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[REDACTED] stated that fingerprints taken at the time of arrests were forwarded to the FBI, Washington, D. C.

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Mr. WILLIAM GUTHRIE, Clerk of the Second Criminal Judicial District of County of Bergen, County Court House, Hackensack, N. J., furnished SA [REDACTED] the following pertaining to the subject:

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Under Docket number 15228 of that Court in the State Against FRANK SINATRA, SINATRA was charged on 12/26/38 by [REDACTED], N. J., with having committed the following offense:

"On the second and ninth days of November, 1938 at the Borough of Lodi . . . under the promise of marriage, (SINATRA) did then and there have sexual intercourse with the said complainant who was then and there a single female of good repute . . . contrary to and in violation of the revised statute of 1937."

The Peerless Casualty Company, 241 Main Street, Hackensack, N. J., went bond for SINATRA in the amount of \$1,500. This complaint was withdrawn on 12/7/38 because it was ascertained that the complainant was in fact married. In place of that complaint and under Docket No. 15307, State Against FRANK SINATRA, a complaint was filed on 12/21/38 by [REDACTED], N. J., charging SINATRA with

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b7c adultery in that he "On the second and ninth days of November, 1938 . . . did then and there commit adultery with the said complainant, a married woman, the wife of [REDACTED]" SINATRA went bond for himself in the amount of \$500. On 1/4/39 the case was remanded to the Grand Jury by order of Judge McINTYRE.

D.C.
According to GUTHRIE, SINATRA'S attorney was Mr. HARRY L. TOWNE of Rutherford, N. J., who in 1944 was Congressman (U. S. House of Representatives) from the Seventh District of New Jersey.

Under Docket No. 18450 for the Prosecutor of the Pleas of Bergen County, it appears that a "No Bill" was returned on 1/17/39 by the Grand Jury in connection with the second complaint. In accordance with the "No Bill," the complaint was dismissed in open court of Quarter Sessions of Bergen County on 1/24/39.

In the Sunday "Worker" dated 12/2/45 under Pennsylvania news, the following item appeared:

"FRANK SINATRA is going to get a gold medal and a silver plaque at the Broadwood Hotel, 12/10. He will receive the first annual Golden Slipper Square Club Unity award for his contribution to racial and religious tolerance." The original of this is located in Newark file 100-22849-461.

b7c Newark was previously Office of Origin in an investigation on one [REDACTED] Newark file 100-31394, Bufile 100-287545. He was interviewed on 2/25/53 by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time he advised that he had been connected with the Unity Club, Philadelphia, Pa. The Newark files reflect that the last address of [REDACTED] or place where he could be contacted was at [REDACTED] California. This information was furnished to the Los Angeles Office in Airtel from Newark dated 2/18/55 captioned [REDACTED]

Los Angeles may be interested in contacting [REDACTED] and determining if he has any information that he can recall pertaining to SINATRA in connection with the Unity Club, Philadelphia.

b7c On 3/31/55 at East Orange, N. J., SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] former security informant whose
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b7D identity must be protected, and who is described as having furnished reliable information in the past. [redacted] has in the past exhibited a definite reluctance to testify. This informant stated he recalls that FRANK SINATRA, the famous vocalist, had contributed to Communist youth organizations in the early 1940s. However, he did not know if SINATRA was a member of the CP or any CP dominated or infiltrated organization or a member of the CP or of a CP youth group. He stated he recalls that information regarding SINATRA'S contributions and sponsorship, if any, appeared in some CP publications such as the "Daily Worker" or the Sunday "Worker," but at this time he cannot recall where. This was all the information he had regarding SINATRA. Q u

b7C On 4/13/55, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted]
b2 and [redacted] whose identities must be protected, and who
b7D should be described as having furnished reliable information in the past. They advised that they know of no subversive information pertaining to FRANK SINATRA. Q u

b7D On 5/25/55, [redacted] a former Newark informant who has furnished reliable information in the past [redacted]

b7C [redacted] advised SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] that he could not recall even having heard the name FRANK SINATRA at any time he was connected with the LYL.

b7D Re NY Airtel set forth a lead that the Newark Office should cover leads (previously set forth for New York) to interview [redacted] Newark will conduct
b7C this interview expeditiously and furnish the information to the Los Angeles Office in letter form. Q u

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-60275)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka:

Frank Sinatra

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(oo - LA)

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DATE: 7/21/85

CLASS. & EXT. BY 2602/nek
REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 7/6/97

ReBulet to LA 3/18/55 requesting the NYO to prepare
an insert to a prosecutive summary report on subject, in
accordance with provisions of SAC letter 54-74, Section I.

Enclosed herewith for the LA Office are two copies
of the insert of the prosecutive summary report, as well as
Exhibits 1-7 (four copies each) referred to in the insert.

In preparing the insert the NYO set out leads to the
WFO to verify information furnished by [redacted] that appeared in
WFO report dated 8/1/46 by SA [redacted] captioned
"NATHAN GREGORY SELVMASTER; Esp.-R", page 58; and a lead
to the Newark Office to interview [redacted]
former Philadelphia informant, to verify information furnished
by him regarding FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, previous to
December 12, 1945. *ru*

In an attempt to develop information regarding the
subject, the following New York informants, all of whom have
furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted
with negative results on dates indicated:

contacted by SA [redacted]

contacted by SA [redacted]

contacted by SA [redacted]

contacted by SA [redacted]

3 - Los Angeles (100-41113)

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
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NY 100-80275

The following information is set forth regarding individuals set out as witnesses in the insert:

[REDACTED] *qu*

This individual is a former informant of the NYO who, in the past, has been referred to as [REDACTED] is 58 years old. *qu* is white, male, American and

He was a member of the CP from [REDACTED] In the past, [REDACTED] *qu*

[REDACTED] has no criminal record with the NYCPD and no credit record with the Credit Bureau of Greater New York. *qu*

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[REDACTED] *qu*

It should be noted that [REDACTED] claimed to be sick and suffering from a very bad case of nerves because [REDACTED] *qu*

Information was also received that about [REDACTED] *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*

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Contact had with [REDACTED] between May and October, 1950, reflected that [REDACTED] cannot be relied upon to cooperate, since he failed to keep several appointments with Bureau Agents. *qu*

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It is believed that [REDACTED] would make a poor and unsatisfactory witness as evidence by his actions at [REDACTED] and it is not believed that he would be of benefit in instant matter. *qu*

A signed statement concerning the subject was obtained from [REDACTED] on 5/19/55, which statement is enclosed herewith for the LA Office. *qu*

[REDACTED]
This individual is white, male, American, is 65 years old and presently the [REDACTED] State of New York. This individual presently resides at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] furnished to the New York Office a program entitled "Spotlight on Spain", announcing a dinner under the auspices of the "Action Committee to Free Spain Now."

Upon recontact on 5/24/55 [REDACTED] stated that his memory does not serve him in respect to the above program that he furnished to the New York Office in the summer of 1946.

This individual claims no knowledge regarding the activities of FRANK SINATRA.

[REDACTED] *qu*
This individual has been referred to in the past [REDACTED] *qu*

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This individual is white, male, American,
born in Brooklyn, New York. [REDACTED] *qu*

The records of NYCPD reflect no
criminal record for [REDACTED] and the records of the
Credit Bureau of Greater New York disclose no derogatory
information concerning [REDACTED] *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*

[REDACTED] had in the past, furnished the
New York Office information regarding Cominfil of the
electronics industry. *qu*

was recontacted by SA [REDACTED] and he advised that
he does not know FRANK SINATRA to be a member of the CP or
any of its organizations. Due to his lack of knowledge of
SINATRA'S activities, he could furnish no information
concerning him. He stated that the peculiar thing about
the bulletin "The Independent" dated 2/13/46, which he
furnished the NYO, was ^{that it was} published before the notice of the
meeting, therefore, the membership elected a new board
on paper only, and in his opinion was a "lot of
propaganda." *qu*

[REDACTED] stated that he would be willing
to testify if the Bureau so desires. *qu*

[REDACTED] believed to have
furnished reliable
information in the past *qu*

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[REDACTED] is identical with [REDACTED] who
was a former informant of the NYO, who in the past,
has been referred to as [REDACTED] *gru*

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[redacted] is white, male, American, was born
[redacted] *fu*

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[redacted] has no criminal record with the
NYCPD and a check at the Credit Bureau of Greater New
York disclosed no derogatory information. *fu*

[redacted] was discontinued as an informant on
[redacted] by the New York Office. He had in the
past furnished information on various front organizations,
such as the International Labor Defense, IWO, Socialist
Workers Party and many others. *fu*

[redacted] when discontinued as an informant
[redacted] *fu*

[redacted] has emphatically declined several
times to have his identity revealed or appear before any
court of law. He stated that information formerly furnished
by him is true but he could not testify and has
declined to give signed statements. *fu*

[redacted] was recontacted [redacted] by SA
[redacted] and he advised that under no circumstances
does he want his identity revealed. to do so, he contends,
would jeopardize his position [redacted] *fu*

[redacted] stated that he slightly recalls the
information he furnished in 1946 and at that time he got
the impression that FRANK SINATRA did not know what he was
saying. He stated that SINATRA spoke at the rally held at

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Madison Square Garden, sponsored by the Veterans Council of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, but he cannot recall anything else concerning this rally. *qu*

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[redacted] stated that his impression of FRANK SINATRA was that he, SINATRA, was very close to the CP and its associates in 1946. However, he stated that at one time he believes the "Daily Worker" "clobbered" FRANK SINATRA and that caused SINATRA'S break with the CP completely. *qu*

[redacted] further stated that the "Daily Worker" is not based on any facts and is usually a lot of "bologna". [redacted] stated that he cannot say any more concerning this phase of activity and that he has just very vague impressions of what went on at that time. He stated that it is his opinion that SINATRA separated from the Communists years ago, and that he has no facts on SINATRA at all. *qu*

[redacted] advised that it is his opinion that FRANK SINATRA was never a Communist or a CP member or a member of any of its organizations but, he also thought that FRANK SINATRA must be "very stupid" not to know the people he did associate with at that time, were were Communists. *qu*

[redacted] stated that he would not furnish a signed statement on any present or past information he has furnished, and that he is not willing to testify. *qu*

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[redacted]
Hollywood, California

Background information on this individual and availability is to be determined by the LA Office.

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b7D [REDACTED] &u

b2 b7D This individual was formerly known [REDACTED] &u

[REDACTED] was interviewed initially by the NYO on [REDACTED] and has served as a confidential source since that time. &u

[REDACTED] became associated with CP activities in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continues to furnish information about her past CP activities and, in particular, information about Communist infiltration of education and labor in NYC. &u

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[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] &u

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[REDACTED] & u

[REDACTED] & u

[REDACTED] & u

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[REDACTED] stated that during the period from [REDACTED] when she openly joined the CP; she was under Party discipline more often than not and followed Party instructions. [REDACTED] stated that on a few occasions when she balked on carrying out Party instructions, which instructions she could not remember, the Party assigned someone else to do the particular job. & u

[REDACTED] stated that she herself considers that she became a member of the CP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] & u

[REDACTED] stated that her differences with the CP began to develop in [REDACTED] she was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] From that time one [REDACTED] stated

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she was a victim of a "systematic character assassination" by the CP, [REDACTED] & u

[REDACTED] has stated that she will not, under any conditions, give a signed statement. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] insists on having her identity concealed. & u

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[REDACTED] & u

[REDACTED] & u

[REDACTED] Surveillances of [REDACTED] which date was prior to [REDACTED] revealed that she continued her association with [REDACTED], her known paramour. There is no information available of any such current relationship, nor is there any information reflecting on her trustworthiness or reliability, but she has several propensities which have a bearing on her relationship to this Bureau and which require special attention in dealing with her. & u

For the completion of the Bureau and LA files, the following information which is both of an inadmissible nature and or not applicable to a prosecutive summary report is being submitted.

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Salute to Young America Committee
of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD)

The American Youth for Democracy is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

b7c New York report of SA [REDACTED] 12/13/44, captioned "ALTO CASE; IS-R; CENSORSHIP MATTERS."

b2 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 10/6/44 that [REDACTED] conferred with [REDACTED] who resided in Harlem or possibly [REDACTED] *qu*

b7c [REDACTED] a program by the Salute to Young America Committee of the AYD, and the program includes everyone from FRANK SINATRA to ANNA KROSS. *qu*

b7c Later on this same date [REDACTED] Last Name Unknown, [REDACTED] the AYD dinner at which FRANK SINATRA and FREDERICK MARCH will attend [REDACTED] (NY file 100-31551-5557, pages 151-152) *qu*

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (JAFRC)

The JAFRC is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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b7c New York report of SA [REDACTED]
12/30/44, captioned "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee;
IS-C."

b2 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised that in the period from
9/16/44 to 11/18/44 [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] in an effort to make arrangements to have
QUENTIN REYNOLDS and FRANK SINATRA appear as guests at the
Groppe Dinner. This dinner was to be held at the
Hotel Commodore on 12/18/44 in honor of the 47th birthday
of WILLIAM GROPPER, nationally known cartoonist and a
contributor to the "Daily Worker." *qu*

b7c From the news bulletin furnished by a
highly confidential and reliable source of information
b7D [REDACTED] the JAFRC. [REDACTED] (SAS [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] it was noted
that SINATRA in response to a telegram contributed
to the JAFRC \$100.00. (NY file 100-3642-815, page 10). *qu*

National Campaign Committee of the
JAFRC & Spanish Refugee Appeal of the JAFRC

b7c NY report of SA [REDACTED] 4/9/45,
captioned "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; IS-R."

The JAFRC is presently running a campaign
to raise \$750,000 in the period 3/1/45 to 6/1/45. The
campaign is built around the plight of 80,000 Spanish
Republic refugees in France. It is being run under the
title of Spanish Refugee Appeal of the JAFRC.

b7c A highly confidential and reliable source
b7D [REDACTED] the JAFRC on [REDACTED]
(SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] a letter was directed
[REDACTED] concerning the selection of

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the campaigns committee. *qu*

According to the informant, the letter pointed out that the individuals had not been asked to serve on the committee but were merely a potential pool. The proposed list of permanent persons for the National Campaign Committee listed FRANK SINATRA. *qu*

b2 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 6, 1945 that a telegram was directed to FRANK SINATRA advising him of the dinner to be held on 3/22/45 and requesting SINATRA to appear as a speaker. No information has been furnished indicating that SINATRA had acknowledged the invitation. *qu*

Contact with SINATRA'S agent was made by the JAFRC in the name of HERMAN SCHUMAN, who is a theatrical producer in NYC and extremely active in the support of the committee. *qu*

Communist Political Association (CPA)

The CPA is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

New York letter to Director, 11/4/44, captioned "CPA, District #2 New York Field Division; IS-C."

b2 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 11/1/44 that BELLA V. DODD, a member of the National Committee of the CP at that time, conferred with GIL GREEN, at which time they discussed a meeting held in the garment workers district on 11/1/44 where those workers who gathered expected to hear FRANK SINATRA, who did not appear. *qu*

The "Daily Worker" dated 11/26/44 reflected that GIL GREEN was NY State President of the CPA.

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VITO MARCANTONIO, former ALP Congressman from NYC, was also scheduled to be there. It was stated that all speakers were booed, probably because FRANK SINATRA did not come. *fu*

GIL GREEN stated that he is afraid that they will lose five thousand votes because of this meeting. *fu*

It is also stated that SINATRA was supposed to be at a meeting in Harlem on Friday night but will be unable to be there. It was also stated that advance notices should be given to people in Harlem to avoid trouble. *fu* (NY file 100-26603-3407).

VITO MARCANTONIO was the former ALP Congressman from NYC and was the NY State Chairman of the ALP.

The ALP has been cited as a Communist front organization by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 3/29/44.

International Workers Order (IWO)

The IWO is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 7/28/47 furnish a pamphlet by FRANK SINATRA entitled "Thoughts of an American" published by the IWO.

This pamphlet in part refers to the "pushing around" SINATRA got while going to school in NJ. It goes on to quote names he was called and how the "Nazis" hated the Jews and how the Nazis used racial and religious prejudice to weaken the people they wanted enslaved.

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In the pamphlet SINATRA tries to explain how racial and religious prejudices can undermine a nation.

The closing lines of this pamphlet read as follows:

"It is up to all of us to lay aside our unfounded prejudices and make the most of this wonderful country - this country that has been built by many people, by many creeds, nationalities and races in such a way that it cannot be divided...and can never be conquered...but will always remain the United States...one nation indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all."

At the bottom of the page of this pamphlet, it states the following:

"excerpts from an address to the World Youth Rally on March 21, 1945, at New York City, printed by the courtesy of the American Youth for a Free world." It is further noted that on the back of this pamphlet there is a paragraph written out concerning the IWO. (NY file 100-2936-1A,551)

American Society for Cultural Relations, with Italy Incorporated (ASCRI)

b7C NY report of SA [REDACTED] 7/9/47, captioned "American Society for Cultural Relations with Italy Incorporated; IS-C & I; REGISTRATION ACT."

b2 Former [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 10/31/46, that BELLA V. DODD, a member of the National Committee of the CP, had a discussion with [REDACTED] Informant advised that [REDACTED] is known as a member of several Communist front organizations, but is not known as a CP member. During the discussion [REDACTED] told DODD that he had been [REDACTED] the ASCRI but *fu*

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would not do so unless he could actually do work for it. *u*

b7c DODD told him that she was asking for his participation nevertheless. She went on to mention to [REDACTED] that FRANK SINATRA had accepted as vice-chairman of the society. *u*

The "New York Times" issue of February 26, 1947 contained an announcement of the formation of the ASCRI Inc. The article described it as a voluntary, non-sectarian, non-partisan organization for the development of friendly relations and mentioned that its headquarters were at 119 West 57th Street, NYC.

It was further noted that a program for "Friendship with Italy Week" opening on 4/14/47, would feature a series of cultural and social events, presenting recent developments in the Italian arts field. Money obtained through public support would be used for child welfare, rehabilitation and cultural activities in Italy.

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b7c [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 4/8/47 furnished SA [REDACTED] a letterhead of the ASCRI which bore the mimeographed date 3/26/47. This letterhead bore in the left hand margin the names and titles of the officers of the society and the names of the members of its board of directors. *u*

On the reverse side of this letterhead there appears the names of the society's officers in Italy together with identifying data concerning them.

Under the board of directors of the society is listed the name FRANK SINATRA.

In the "New York World Telegram" of 4/16/47, there was a feature article by FREDERICK WOLTMAN. His article reported that FANNIE HURST, the novelist, JESSICA DRAGONETTE, the singer and PETER GRIMM, President of the NY State Chamber of Commerce had disassociated themselves from the society,

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having satisfied themselves that it was a Communist front.

It is noted that in the literature of the society set out above, that these individuals were listed as sponsors. This article further reported that FRANK SINATRA had denied authorizing the use of his name at all.

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Concerning ASCRI, it should be noted that [redacted] (conceal with T symbol - by request) who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 10/15/53 that prior to the Italian election in 1947 or 1948, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the CP, issued instructions for the formation of the ASCRI to be set up to foster cultural pursuits between the United States and Italy including the exchange of students between the two countries. & u

[Contacts between Soviet Consulate Personnel in New York and various individuals and organizations] q u

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NY report of SA [redacted] 6/5/45,
captioned [redacted] New York City; IS - R. q u

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Captain OREST SHEVTZOV, Representative of the Youth Anti-Fascist Committee - Moscow. *

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Activities of Captain OREST SHEVTZOV

"On March 13, 1945 FRANCES DAMON of the American Youth for a Free World, contacted Captain OREST SHEVTZOV and advised that a picture would be taken the following day and that the Captain should be in her office at 11:15 am in uniform. She explained that the first picture would be taken with NEWBOLD MORRIS, President of the City Council of New York, and the second picture would be taken with FRANK SINATRA, well known crooner of popular music." (u)

b2 [redacted] The above information was furnished by former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past in the period from March 1-31, 1945. (NY File 100-24-828, page 47). (u)

b7c [redacted] NY memo by SA [redacted] 3/9/45 captioned [redacted] IS - C."

b2 [redacted] On 2/26/45 [redacted] advised that one [redacted] contacted [redacted] and stated that [redacted]
b7c [redacted] FRANK SINATRA. She stated that she was upset about the cartoons and editorial in the daily issue of the "Daily News." [redacted] himself castigated the editorial policy of the "News" and stated that the only corrective thing would be to boycott the "News" and he bemoaned the fact that so many Jews and people in New York City insisted upon reading the "Daily News". (NY file 100-4931-4932) (u)

A newspaper clipping from "PM" dated 12/27/45 in an article captioned "Negro Paper Announces 1945 Racial Amnity Honor Roll."

It is quoted in part as follows:

"Chicago Defender, National Weekly newspaper published for Negroes, announced its annual honor roll of

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leading Americans who distinguished themselves in 1945 by improving race relations. The list included FRANK SINATRA, singer, for his one-man war against intolerance and hatred all over the country." (NY 100-28627-1696).

b7C NY report dated 5/17/46 of SA [REDACTED]
captioned "GREGORY; Esp-R."

b2 On 4/11/46, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN contacted FRANK SINATRA and an appointment was made for SINATRA to come to Dr. WEINSTEIN for a dental appointment at 5:00 pm on that date. *fr*

ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN is a dentist who maintains his offices at 20 E. 53rd St., NYC.

b7C On 1/18/55 [REDACTED]
b7D Brooklyn, NY (who requests that her identity be concealed) of unknown reliability [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for Dr. WEINSTEIN'S acquaintances, and patients, advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that certain of Dr. WEINSTEIN'S patients and acquaintances were believed by her to be members or sympathizers of the CP.

[REDACTED]

Investigation on Dr. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN was instituted on 12/7/45 when it was ascertained through a physical surveillance of JOSEPH GREGG and PETER RHODES that they were observed to enter the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN, 20 E. 53rd St., NYC. Both GREGG and RHODES were mentioned as members of an espionage group who were operating in Washington, D.C. at that time, by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, an admitted former Communist courier. (NY 100-94705-6p2).

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b7c NY report dated 12/26/46 of SA [REDACTED]
captioned "GREGORY - Esp. - R."

b2 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information
b7c in the past, advised SA [REDACTED] on 12/10/46
that FRANK SINATRA, the singer, contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN
at his office and advised him that he had made
reservations for the Dr. and his wife at the Wedgewood Room
at the Waldorf Astoria on the following Friday. *g u*
(NY 65-14603-2579-p.72)

Newspaper clipping from the "Daily Worker" dated
4/10/51, page 11, column 1, in an article captioned, "WHERE
ARE THE BIG STARS WHO ONCE OPPOSED THE UN-AMERICANS."

The article is quoted in part as follows:

"Where are all the famous Hollywood stars who
attacked the first Un-American witch-hunt in Hollywood when
the Ten were brought to trial in 1947?

"Where are the hundreds of stars who once organized
two national broadcasts over the coast-to-coast network of
the American Broadcasting Company to express their opposition
to the Un-American Committee?

"Why are they silent today when their voices are
needed in the fight against the second Hollywood witch-hunt?

"Where is FRANK SINATRA who prophesied in 1947?

"If the Un-American Committee gets a green light from
the American people, will it be possible to make a broadcast
like this a year from today?"

NY file 100-50870A-860.

The "NY Daily News" of 4/27/51, reported that on
the preceding day, the Stop-Communism Committee was launched
in order to fight against "Red influences in the entertainment
world." This Committee was formed under the auspices of
J. JOSEPH SMITH, NY County Commander of the Veterans of

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Foreign Wars, and the group would hold a loyalty festival featuring more than 150 movie, stage and television people, the day after the loyalty parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The festival was to be held in Central Park, and the stars participating in the anti-Communist rally were to include FRANK SINATRA and others.

NY file 100-50870-527, pps. 43 and 58.

In a clipping from the "NY Mirror" dated 4/5/48, in an article captioned, "SINATRA TO STAGE RADIO PLEA TO ITALY FOR DEFEAT OF RED's," by LOUELLA PARSONS. This article is quoted in part as follows:

"An appeal broadcast directly to the Italian people to vote against the Communist ticket at the 4/18/48, election is being arranged for by FRANK SINATRA. His guests will be JIMMY DURANTE, JOE DIMAGIO and ALIDA VALLI. The hour long show will be in Italian."

"SINATRA, who returned from NY today, was asked by Washington officials to get together a show with famous guests of Italian parentage, and FRANKIE gladly accepted the assignment to help fight Communism. Twenty-seven recordings will be made and played in various parts of Italy in an effort to reach even the most remote parts of that troubled nation. FRANKIE told me Washington also had requested that CLARK GABLE and TYRONE POWER appear on the show, even though they are not of Italian decent and do not speak the language.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/26/55

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-40496)

CLASS & EXT BY 2602/nek
DATE 9/17/89SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
Aka Frank Sinatra
SM - C
FAG
(O.O. Los Angeles)

ReNwklet to Bureau 6/14/55 and New York Air-Tel to Bureau 5/13/55, and Philadelphia letter to Bureau 3/31/55.

Referenced New York Air-Tel set forth a lead requesting Newark to cover leads (previously set forth for New York) to interview [REDACTED] regarding the subject. *qu*

On 7/25/55, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] was currently living and employed at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], telephone [REDACTED] stated she had no knowledge concerning the subject. *qu*Miami is requested to interview [REDACTED] to verify information furnished by him regarding the subject immediately previous to 12/12/45. Every effort should be made to secure a signed statement from [REDACTED] and the results of the interview should be furnished Los Angeles. *qu*

For the information of the Miami Office, referenced Philadelphia letter reflects the following (PH file 100-30258-24):

"Letter to Bureau dated 12/12/45, captioned "FRANK SINATRA, SM - C", stated as follows: 'Recently, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]' *qu*cc: 1 - Los Angeles (REG. MAIL)
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[REDACTED] that FRANK SINATRA, well-known radio and movie star, is a member of the Communist Party. He was told that SINATRA formerly held membership in the American Youth for Democracy organization of New Jersey but has recently been admitted to the New York branch of the Communist Party." *qu*

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informant. *qu*

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Referenced New York Air-Tel notes that [REDACTED] stated he would not mind cooperating when it was necessary for agents to contact him, but that he wished it to be done in a manner that would not jeopardize his employment and if possible such contacts should be limited to one agent. *qu*

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FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka Frank Sinatra
SM - C; FAG

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[REDACTED] former [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said at this time due to lapse of time he has vague recollection of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] recalls that at this meeting SINATRA is an old line member of the CP and he has come up from the Young Communist League. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] also recalls being told by some unknown woman whom he described as [REDACTED] and who was also at the meeting that SINATRA was an old line Communist who had come up from the YCL. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] has further recollection that both [redacted] and the woman told him at same meeting, "SINATRA had been admitted to the CP in NYC." *qu*

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b7D [redacted] Said he knew of no other persons who might be capable of furnishing further info re SINATRA and that his info concerning SINATRA was furnished to him by [redacted] and the unk woman. Said he never met SINATRA personally and SINATRA never appeared at any meeting attended by [redacted] *qu*

[redacted] Said it is his further recollection that he submitted written reports to FBI in Scranton or PH at time he furnished original info re SINATRA. Said during time he was furnishing info re CP activities he always had understanding with FBI he would not be able to appear as witness at any time and said that agreement still in effect. Said in view of this agreement he would decline at this time to make written statement re SINATRA. *qu*

[redacted] said it was his desire to assist FBI at any time but he did not then, and does not now, desire to have his identity revealed. *qu*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION OCTOBER 31, 1955

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Transmit the following message to SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41413)

FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, SECURITY MATTER - C,
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. Reurlet October 11, 1955.

Advise Bureau if you have any admissible evidence concerning Sinatra's Communist Party membership and/or membership in a Communist front or subversive organization of any kind. Also advise if witnesses are available who can testify to information.

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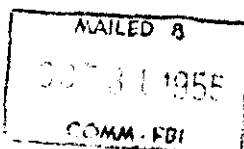
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NOTE ON YELLOW: Subject not on SI. On 1/10/55, in order to receive a passport signed an affidavit for the Passport Division, Department of State and disclaimed CP and Communist Front organizational membership; further denied connection with any subversive organization of any kind. State Department referred matter to Department and Department requested investigation under the Fraud Statute. Referenced letter states regular investigative report being prepared instead of prosecutive summary due to lack of suitable information. This communication necessary to resolve matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-417728)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41413)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA,
aka. Frank Sinatra
SECURITY MATTER - C;
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

DATE: 10/11/55 9/7/79

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Considerable investigation has been conducted by the Los Angeles Office and other Bureau offices in connection with the instructions outlined in referenced letter. A review and analysis of the results of the investigation fails to develop any positive evidence connecting SINATRA with the Communist Party or the Communist Party movement.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the submission of a regular investigative report setting forth the results of the many interviews undertaken would be preferable to the preparation of a prosecutive summary due to the absence of the calibre of information which should logically be incorporated in a prosecutive summary report.

It is noted that the miscellaneous information furnished by informants in years past, and which was summarized by the Bureau in memorandum form dated 9/30/54, is essentially hearsay, most of which even if true, would have little probative value. The two most significant allegations contained in the summary are those set forth on Page 6, Paragraph 2, and Page 11, Paragraph 1. Reinvestigation of these two items brought forth the following results:

(1) Miami air-tel to the Bureau 9/13/55 sets forth the results of the interview with [REDACTED] informant who had reported in 1945 [REDACTED] refer to FRANK SINATRA as a CP member and a former member of the American Youth for Democracy. On reinterview by the Miami Office, [REDACTED] reported that the information which he had previously reported was of a hearsay nature, having come

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to him from [REDACTED]

and also from an unknown woman who was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in 1945. When interviewed by the Miami Office, [REDACTED] stated that he had an understanding with the FBI that he would never be called to testify and that he still does not desire his identity disclosed. The Cleveland Office by air-tel 10/3/55 advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and Cleveland recommended that he not be interviewed in connection with the foregoing. The Philadelphia Office by air-tel 10/6/55 advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is apparently the individual referred to by [REDACTED] above. Philadelphia stated that an interview with [REDACTED] was attempted under [REDACTED] and she proved to be uncooperative. *qu*

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(2) [REDACTED] had advised in 1944 that he was told by [REDACTED] CP member in Schenectady, New York, that FRANK SINATRA was an old member of the Young Communist League. [REDACTED] was reinterviewed 4/13/55 by the Albany Office and confirmed his original information. Albany also interviewed [REDACTED] claimed never to have heard anything connecting FRANK SINATRA with the Communist Party or the Young Communist League. The Albany Office also reported two informants as relating that it was common practice of the Communist Party to use prominent names for their causes and to attribute to such individuals Communist Party membership. *qu*

Several former Communist Party members in Hollywood, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who normally would have been in a position to know if SINATRA were connected with the Communist Party or the Communist Party movement, advised that they had no information that SINATRA was a member of the CP nor did they ever hear him referred to as such in Party circles, or as being connected with the Communist movement.

Because of the foregoing, the Los Angeles Office contemplates the submission of a regular investigative report in this matter unless instructed by the Bureau to the contrary. Such report will be prepared and submitted to reach the Bureau within thirty days.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-417728)

FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, SM - C; FAG.

Rebuairtel 10-31-55.

Report setting forth results of investigation in captioned matter has been prepared and will reach Bureau by 11-7-55.

The only organization which may be termed a Communist front of subversive nature to which FRANCIS SINATRA belonged was the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, year 1946. This organization was never cited by the AG but was described in the 1948 report of the California Un-American Activities Committee as a "Communist front".

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[REDACTED] set forth in the report would be available witnesses. Also documentary evidence of this membership is set forth. It is noted that SINATRA was one of ten Vice Chairmen in the ICCASP in 1946. Other Vice Chairmen listed included JOSEPH E. DAVIES, FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA, ARCHIBALD MAC LEISH. JAMES ROOSEVELT was set forth as a member of the Board of Directors.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE Nov 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/28-31; 4/1, 4-8, 12-15, 19, 22, 24, 25; 5/26; 6/6; 7/20-22, 27; 9/5, 28; 10/18-21, 28, 31; 11/1-3/55	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] s jm
TITLE FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA, aka Frank Sinatra			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
CLASS. & EXT BY 6021 mek 11/7/77			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REASON - **1242**
DATE OF REVIEW **9/7/89**

Investigation conducted developed no evidence connecting FRANK SINATRA with the Communist Party (CP) or the CP movement aside from his membership in the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions in 1946, an organization described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a "Communist front." In 1946 he was being considered by the Los Angeles County Communist Party as a potential Party recruit. In 1948 he was indicated to have arranged an anti-Communist radio program for broadcast in Italy. Results of investigation set forth.

AGENCY **ICC - [Redacted]**
REQ. REC'D. **5-6-56**
REP'T FORW. **2-8-56**

DETAILS:

All informants designated by T symbols in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

NAME

"The Voice" (The life of FRANK SINATRA), by E. J. Kahn, Jr., published by Harper & Brothers, New York, Copyright 1946 and 1947 (On file Los Angeles Public Library)

PERSONAL HISTORY

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The above publication lists the full name of FRANK SINATRA as FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA.

BIRTH DATA

"Who's Who in the West," published by Marquis - Who's Who, Chicago, Illinois, Copyright 1954

The above publication lists FRANK SINATRA's birth date as December 12, 1917, Hoboken, New Jersey.

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Informant reported that he had occasion to note on February 9, 1944 that two different forms filed with Selective Service Draft Board No. 19, Hudson County, Jersey City, New Jersey, for FRANK SINATRA carried different birth dates; to wit: December 12, 1915 and December 12, 1916.

EDUCATION

"Who's Who in the West" (Supra)

The above publication reflects that SINATRA attended Demarest High School, Hoboken, New Jersey, and Drake Institute.

"The Voice" (Supra)

At page 88 of the above publication it is reflected that in 1935, SINATRA, while a senior in high school, left school to commence work.

MARITAL STATUS

Los Angeles County Superior Court records, Third Floor, Ferguson Building, 307 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California

The above records reflect that on February 26, 1950 NANCY SINATRA filed a complaint for separate maintenance against FRANK SINATRA, Case No. GMD 1611, alleging grievous mental suffering. The SINATRAS' date and place of marriage were set forth as February 4, 1939, Jersey City, New Jersey, and their date of separation as February 1, 1950. Their children

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were listed as FRANK SINATRA, JR., age six years; CHRISTINA SINATRA, age twenty months; and NANCY SINATRA, age ten years.

On October 15, 1951 Mrs. NANCY SINATRA filed a complaint for divorce against FRANK SINATRA, charging extreme cruelty, Case No. SMD 8885. An interlocutory decree of divorce was granted on October 30, 1951, and a final decree on November 6, 1952. FRANK SINATRA was ordered by the court to pay to the plaintiff one-third of his annual income up to \$150,000.00, plus a lesser percentage of his income in excess of that amount.

"Who's Who in the West" (Supra)

The above publication reflects that the maiden name of NANCY SINATRA was NANCY BARBATO. SINATRA's second wife was listed as AWA GARDNER.

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Informant stated that he had occasion to learn on February 9, 1944 that FRANK SINATRA had been rejected for military service by his Local Draft Board. The physician who examined SINATRA determined that SINATRA was suffering from an ear ailment and also from emotional instability. His rejection from military service was indicated by his Board to be in conformance with the then existing Selective Service regulations.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

FBI Number 3794610

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested Or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
SO Hackensack NJ	Frank Sinatra #42799	11-26-38	seduction	
SOS Army	Francis Albert Sinatra #20-CAS	singer 10-7-43		
SO Los Angeles Calif	Frank Albert Sinatra #--	gun permit 1-30-47		

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested Or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
USCG NY NY	Francis Albert Sinatra #031-1049750 B	applicant 6-14-43		

WILLIAM GUTHRIE, Clerk of the Second Criminal Judicial District of County of Bergen, County Courthouse, Hackensack, New Jersey

b7C Mr. GUTHRIE furnished to SA [REDACTED] the following disposition of SINATRA's arrest on November 26, 1938:

Under Docket Number 15228 of that court in the State Against FRANK SINATRA SINATRA was charged on December 26, 1938 by [REDACTED] New Jersey, with having committed the following offense:

"On the second and ninth days of November, 1938 at the Borough of Lodi . . . under the promise of marriage, (SINATRA) did then and there have sexual intercourse with the said complainant who was then and there a single female of good repute . . . contrary to and in violation of the revised statute of 1937."

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b7C The Peerless Casualty Company, 241 Main Street, Hackensack, New Jersey, went bond for SINATRA in the amount of \$1,500.00. This complaint was withdrawn on December 7, 1938 because it was ascertained that the complainant was, in fact, married. In place of that complaint and under Docket Number 15307, State Against FRANK SINATRA, a complaint was filed on December 21, 1938 by [REDACTED] New Jersey, charging SINATRA with adultery, in that he on the second and ninth days of November, 1938 . . . did then and there commit adultery with the said complainant, a married woman, the wife of [REDACTED] SINATRA went bond for himself in the amount of \$500.00. On January 4, 1939 the case was remanded to the Grand Jury by order of Judge McINTYRE.

Under Docket Number 18450 for the Prosecutor of the Pleas of Bergen County, it appears that a "No Bill" was returned on January 17, 1939 by the Grand Jury in connection with the second complaint. In accordance with the "No Bill," the complaint was dismissed in open court of Quarters Sessions of Bergen County on January 24, 1939.

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EMPLOYMENT

Present

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Informant advised on October 19, 1955 that FRANK SINATRA is a free-lance actor in the motion picture and television industry, Los Angeles, California. His agent is the William Morris Agency, 220 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Early in 1955 SINATRA was under contract to Samuel Goldwyn Productions, 1041 North Formosa Avenue, Hollywood 28, California, to appear in the motion picture "Guys and Dolls" which was filmed in 1955.

The "Hollywood Reporter,"
Issue of October 14, 1955

An item appearing in the above motion picture trade publication reflected that the motion picture "The Man with the Golden Arm" is currently under production by Carlyle Productions at R.K.O. Studios, 780 North Gower Street, Hollywood. FRANK SINATRA was listed as one of the principals in the cast.

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[REDACTED]
Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada,
Las Vegas, Nevada

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on April 20, 1955 that the above credit bureau records indicate that FRANK SINATRA acquired a two per cent interest in the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 21, 1955.

Past

"Who's Who in the West" (Supra)
and "The Voice" (Supra)

The above publications set forth the following general background information on FRANK SINATRA:

During high school he played in the school band and helped to form the school glee club. He worked on a news truck of the "Jersey Observer" while attending high school, becoming copy boy on leaving high school in 1935. He won first prize on the Major Bowes Amateur Hour, touring

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the country for three months. He later toured with the Harry James Band and with the Tommy Dorsey Band. He has appeared in the following motion pictures: "Las Vegas Nights;" "Ship Ahoy;" "Higher and Higher;" "Anchors Away;" "It Happened in Brooklyn;" and "From Here to Eternity."

[REDACTED] /u

FRANK SINATRA was first placed under contract with R.K.O. - Radio Pictures, Inc., Hollywood, California, as an actor on May 28, 1943. He also worked for that company during the years 1944, 1947, and 1948.

RESIDENCE

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Informant advised on October 31, 1955 that FRANK SINATRA presently resides at 10372 $\frac{1}{2}$ Wilshire Boulevard, West Los Angeles. He has unlisted telephone numbers CR. 6-0246 and CR. 6-8038.

[REDACTED] /u

Informant advised on October 28, 1955 that FRANK SINATRA has been residing at the above address for a period of months.

Past

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Informant advised on September 5, 1955 that as of August 25, 1943 FRANK SINATRA furnished his address to R.K.O. - Radio Pictures, Inc., Hollywood, as 220 Lawrence Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, telephone - HASbrouck 8-1066.

"The Voice" (Supra)

The above publication states that in the spring of 1944 FRANK SINATRA moved his residence to Hollywood, California.

Los Angeles County Voters Registration records, Los Angeles, California

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The above records were checked on March 30, 1955 by SE [REDACTED] and it was ascertained that FRANK SINATRA registered to vote on

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September 23, 1946 in Los Angeles County, indicating that it was his first registration in the state. His address was listed as 10051 Valley Spring Lane, North Hollywood, California. This registration was cancelled in 1948, and there is no current registration on file for SINATRA.

Retail Merchants Credit Association
Los Angeles, California

A report compiled by the above organization on December 1, 1954 listed FRANK SINATRA's address as of that date as 10372½ Wilshire Boulevard, West Los Angeles. Previous residences were shown as 320 North Carolwood Drive, Los Angeles, and 9123 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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On January 10, 1955 FRANK SINATRA executed the following affidavit for the Passport Division of the Department of State:

"In connection with my application for a passport, I make the following statements under oath:

"I am not now nor have I ever been a member of the Communist Party, any so-called Communist Front organizations, or any other group or organization of a subversive character; I am not now nor have I ever been affiliated with any organization which has been engaged in subversive activity of any kind whatsoever."

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

The following organizations, which have been referred to in this report, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450: Communist Party, Communist Political Association, Young Communist League, American Youth for Democracy, Labor Youth League, International Workers Order, and Action Committee to Free Spain Now.

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

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b7D [redacted] *φu*
Above informant advised in 1944 that SAM FALCONE, a Communist Party (CP) member in New York, had one time proposed that the campaign committee of a certain union have FRANK SINATRA come to Schenectady, New York, to be on a proposed program inasmuch as, according to FALCONE, SINATRA was an old member of the Young Communist League (YCL) and would come to Schenectady for the CP at a nominal price. *φu*

b7C [redacted] Above informant was reinterviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] on April 13, 1955 and stated that she recalled SAM FALCONE having made the remarks set forth above sometime during 1944. Informant knew of no additional information regarding SINATRA nor did she ever learn if SINATRA, in fact, came to Schenectady as FALCONE had proposed. *φu*

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[REDACTED] & u

The above individual is a self-admitted former member of the YCL from [REDACTED] and of the Communist Political Association (CPA) in [REDACTED] interviewed by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 13, 1955 and claimed never to have made any comment implying that SINATRA was a member of the CP or of the YCL and, further, that he had never received any information to such effect in CP circles. [REDACTED] also advised that he had no knowledge of FRANK SINATRA being suggested as an individual to appear on a campaign committee program in Schenectady. & u

[REDACTED] & u

The above individual, who is a self-admitted former member of the YCL from [REDACTED] and who is of unknown reliability, advised on May 24, 1955 that it was common CP practice to use the names of prominent individuals; stating that these individuals were "comrades" in order to help the CP cause. [REDACTED] advised that he had no information connecting FRANK SINATRA with the YCL. & u

[REDACTED] & u

The above individual, who is a self-admitted former member of the CP from [REDACTED] advised on May 24, 1955 that it was a common practice of the CP to use prominent names for their causes in such a manner as to imply that these prominent individuals were members of the CP. [REDACTED] stated that he had no information concerning FRANK SINATRA. & u

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

[REDACTED] & u

The above informant was a former member of the District Committee of the CP in Pennsylvania [REDACTED] advised in the latter part of 1945 that while [REDACTED] he was informed by [REDACTED] and at least one other [REDACTED] that FRANK SINATRA, the well-known radio and movie star, was then a member of the CP. [REDACTED] was told that SINATRA formerly held membership in

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the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) in New Jersey and had recently been admitted to the New York Branch of the CP. *qu*

b2 [redacted] was reinterviewed on September 12, 1955 and stated that
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b7C [redacted] possibly sometime around November 1945 in [redacted]
[redacted] which was attended by [redacted] and many others. At this meeting [redacted]

[redacted] Informant recalled that at the above CP meeting, [redacted] told him that SINATRA was an old line member of the CP and had come up from the YCL. Informant also recalled having been told essentially the same thing by some unknown woman [redacted] and who was also present at the above CP meeting. Informant further recalled [redacted] and the unknown woman telling him that SINATRA had been admitted to the CP in New York City. *qu*

Informant advised that he could furnish no information which would corroborate the above allegations and, further, that he had no personal knowledge that would connect SINATRA with the CP or the CP movement. He advised that he did not know SINATRA personally and had never attended any affairs at which SINATRA was present.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

b2 [redacted] *qu*
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The above informants, who are familiar with some phases of CP activities in the Chicago area, advised in June 1955 that they had no information concerning FRANK SINATRA.

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

b7C [redacted]
b7D Detroit, Michigan

b7C The above individual, who is a self-admitted member of
b7D District 7, CP, USA, during the period [redacted]
[redacted] advised on March 4, 1955 that to her knowledge FRANK SINATRA was never active in the CP or any related front groups in the State of Michigan.

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([REDACTED]
Detroit, Michigan

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b7D The above individual, who is a self-admitted member of District 7, CP, USA, from [REDACTED]

([REDACTED] advised on March 29, 1955 that, to his knowledge, FRANK SINATRA was never active in the CP or related CP front groups in the State of Michigan.

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b7D [REDACTED] *φu*
The above informants, who are familiar with CP and related CP front group activities in the State of Michigan, advised in March 1955 that FRANK SINATRA is unknown to them in connection with the CP movement.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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b7D [REDACTED] *φu*
Above informant advised on March 31, 1955 that he had a recollection of the Communist press occasionally carrying information indicating that FRANK SINATRA had contributed to the Communist youth organizations in the early 1940's. Informant did not recall any specific publications or issues and had no personal knowledge or other information concerning such allegations. Informant stated that he also had no information connecting FRANK SINATRA with the CP or the CP movement.

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b7D [REDACTED] *φu*
Above informants advised on April 13, 1955 that they had no information connecting FRANK SINATRA with the CP or the CP movement.

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b7D [REDACTED]
Newark, New Jersey

(The above individual, who was a former member of the Labor Youth League (LYL) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he could not recall ever having heard the name of FRANK SINATRA mentioned in connection with the LYL.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Informant furnished a pamphlet on July 28, 1947 reflecting that it was written by FRANK SINATRA and bearing the title "Thoughts of an American," published by the International Workers Order (IWO). This pamphlet, in part, refers to the "pushing around" SINATRA received while attending school in New Jersey. The pamphlet was directed at racial tolerance and read, in part, as follows:

--"It is up to all of us to lay aside our unfounded prejudices and make the most of this wonderful country--this country that has been built by many people, by many creeds, nationalities and races in such a way that it cannot be divided . . . and can never be conquered . . . but will always remain the United States . . . one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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[REDACTED]
New York, New York

The above individual was a member of the CP in New York from [REDACTED]. He served as an informant for the FBI and subsequently [REDACTED].

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On May 19, 1955 he furnished a signed statement to SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] which reads, in part, as follows:

" . . . I do recall in 1944 during the Roosevelt campaign for re-election Frank Sinatra appeared at a rally which was sponsored by the Upper West side Citizens Committee, which was a communist front organization. The rally was held at St. Nicholas area 66th St and Columbus Ave. NYC. This rally was held to promote the re-election of President Roosevelt.

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"Frank Sinatra appeared and sang two songs, made no speech and left the hall immediately. He was contacted by [REDACTED] who was a member of the James Connolly Branch of the Communist Party to sing at this rally. I do not know whether Sinatra had any knowledge of the Communist Party membership [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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"I recall at one other time that Sinatra was invited to sing at a rally sponsored by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. Sinatra did not appear at this rally but a telegram was read to the audience from Sinatra expressing his regrets that he could not appear. *q u*

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["/s/ [REDACTED]"] q u

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED]
Scarsdale, New York

The above individual, who is presently [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a program which reflected that the Action Committee to Free Spain Now would sponsor an affair on Thursday, May 9, 1946, designated "Spotlight on Spain," to be held at the Hotel Henry Hudson, 361 West 57th Street, New York City. Included on the first page of the program was the name FRANK SINATRA.

[REDACTED] was reinterviewed on May 24, 1955 and advised that because of the lapse of time since he furnished the above program, he presently has no independent recollection concerning it. He further advised that he has no information regarding the activities of FRANK SINATRA.

[REDACTED] *q u*

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The above informants advised during interviews in March and April 1955 that they have no information connecting FRANK SINATRA with the CP or the CP movement.

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

[REDACTED] *q u*

The above informant, who has some knowledge of CP activities in the State of Utah, advised on March 21, 1955 that he has no information relative to FRANK SINATRA.

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AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

[REDACTED] *qu*

The above informants, who are in a position to learn of some CP activities in the Las Vegas, Nevada area, advised on April 20, 1955 that they have no information connecting FRANK SINATRA with the CP or the CP movement.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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[REDACTED] *qu*

The above informant on October 31, 1955 furnished a photostatic copy of the publication "Fair Facts," Volume 11, No. 12, which reflects that it was issued by the 59th Assembly District Communist Club for December 1945. At page 11 of the publication appeared an item under the caption "Welcome Home Joe." This item reported that on October 16 (1945) the AYD held its second annual Salute to Youth dinner at the Ambassador Hotel (Los Angeles). Among those listed as receiving awards was FRANK SINATRA, whose award was indicated to have been accepted for him by Mrs. FRANK SINATRA.

[REDACTED] *qu*

Above informant advised on January 18, 1946 and on reinterview April 25, 1955 that he was present at the above-described "Welcome Home Joe" dinner. He reported that the award for FRANK SINATRA was presented during the affair to a woman who was introduced as Mrs. FRANK SINATRA. The award was given as a result of SINATRA's performance in the motion picture "The House I Live In," a racial tolerance production. Informant advised on April 25, 1955 that he had never heard of FRANK SINATRA or Mrs. FRANK SINATRA in connection with the CP or the CP movement. *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*
Chicago 4, Illinois

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The above individual, who was a member of the CP in the Los Angeles area and occasionally met with the Hollywood group of the CP during the period [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] that she has no information connecting FRANK SINATRA with the YCL, the CP, or the CP movement. *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*
Burbank, California

The above individual was a full-time CP functionary from [REDACTED] dropping from the Party in [REDACTED] During the period [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that during his experience in the CP he had never heard of FRANK SINATRA's name in connection with the CP movement. He stated that he had never even heard through anyone in the Party that FRANK SINATRA could be approached either openly or confidentially for contribution to the CP movement. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he felt certain that if SINATRA had ever had any connection with the CP movement in the Los Angeles area, such information would have come to his attention. *qu*

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[REDACTED] *qu*
Hollywood, California

The above individual was a member of the CP in the Los Angeles area during [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] She advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 7, 1955 that she never heard of FRANK SINATRA in connection with the CP movement nor had she ever heard of him making any contributions to the CP. She pointed out that individuals connected with the motion picture industry were found to be extremely generous when asked for donations to various causes. Because of this she felt it altogether possible that SINATRA could have, at one time or another, donated to causes sponsored by the Party, although such fact, if true, had never come to her personal attention. *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*
Los Angeles, California

The above individual was a functionary of the YCL and the CP in the Los Angeles area [REDACTED] and was well acquainted with national leaders of the CP and the YCL. He advised SA [REDACTED] on April 7, 1955 that he had no knowledge of any connection on the part of FRANK SINATRA with the CP movement. His only recollection of SINATRA's name

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appearing in CP circles was at the time he made a recording of the song "The House I Live In." This recording was frequently played at CP affairs because it dealt with racial tolerance, a long-standing CP "cause." *qu*

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[REDACTED] *qu*
Beverly Hills, California

The above individual joined the CP in New York in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] where he was a member of the CP within the film industry. He advised SA [REDACTED] on April 1, 1955 that he does not know FRANK SINATRA personally and has never heard of him in connection with the CP movement. *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*
Brentwood, California

The above individual was a member of the CP in the Hollywood area during the period [REDACTED]. He advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on March 31, 1955 that he does not know SINATRA personally and has never heard of him in connection with the CP movement. *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*
Canoga Park, California

The above individual was a member of the CP in the New York area during the period [REDACTED] and of the LACCP during the period [REDACTED]. During the period [REDACTED] she was a member of a CP branch within the film industry in Hollywood. She advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on March 31, 1955 that she is not personally acquainted with FRANK SINATRA and has never heard of him in connection with the CP movement. *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*
Malibu Beach, California

The above individual was a member of the CP within the film industry in the Hollywood area during the period [REDACTED]. He advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on March 31, 1955 that he is not personally acquainted with FRANK SINATRA and has no information connecting him with the CP movement. *qu*

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[REDACTED] *qu*
Malibu Beach, California

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The above individual was a member of the CP in the film industry in the Hollywood area during the period [REDACTED]. She advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 7, 1955 that she met FRANK SINATRA many years ago and is also personally acquainted with his former wife, NANCY SINATRA. [REDACTED] stated that she has never heard of FRANK SINATRA or his wife in connection with the CP movement. She recalled that several years ago FRANK SINATRA appeared in the motion picture "The House I Live In" and, as a result, the Party arranged an award for him as a result of his performance. *qu*

[REDACTED] *qu*
Beverly Hills, California

The above individual was a member of the CP organization within the Hollywood film industry during the period [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised SA's [REDACTED] on March 29, 1955 that she has known FRANK SINATRA for many years, having first met him in 1944 or 1945. She stated she had never heard of SINATRA in connection with the CP movement nor had she ever heard of him contributing to any organizations connected with the CP. She advised that SINATRA is an extremely generous person and that it is altogether possible that he may have been persuaded to make contributions which never came to her attention. *qu*

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b7D [REDACTED] *qu*
b7D The above informant was an active member of the CP in Chicago and San Francisco during the period [REDACTED] and has been connected with the CP movement. [REDACTED] Informant advised on October 28, 1955 that in years past the CP had attempted to "use FRANK SINATRA" by connecting his name with issues with which the CP had aligned itself, such as racial tolerance and minority groups. She recalls specifically that the Party had given SINATRA some kind of an award for his performance in the motion picture short "The House I Live In" because of its racial tolerance characteristic. Informant advised that she had never heard of SINATRA being connected with the CP or the CP movement. *qu*

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[REDACTED] &u
Los Angeles, California

The above individual was a member of the CP's organization within the film industry in the Hollywood area during [REDACTED]. He advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 7, 1955 that he had never heard of SINATRA in connection with the CP movement. He stated that he is personally acquainted with SINATRA and recalls that SINATRA has always been very race conscious and sympathetic toward the "underdog." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he could recall no support that SINATRA ever gave to the "Hollywood Ten" and that this constituted strong indication that SINATRA was not, in any way, allied with the CP movement. &u

[REDACTED] &u
Los Angeles, California

The above individual was a member of a Hollywood cultural club of the LACCP during the period [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on October 28, 1951 that he recalled one of the CP members in his group, [REDACTED] having remarked at Party meetings that she knew NANCY SINATRA, wife of FRANK SINATRA. [REDACTED] indicated that she had received contributions from NANCY SINATRA for one or more Party "causes." [REDACTED] advised that he never heard any comments in Party circles, however, connecting FRANK SINATRA or his wife with the CP or the CP movement. He stated that FRANK SINATRA had made a recording of the song, "The House I Live In," and on which a motion picture was subsequently based. [REDACTED] advised that this song was written by EARL ROBINSON. [REDACTED] &u

[REDACTED] &u
Bel Air, California

The above individual was a member of the CP in the Hollywood area during the period [REDACTED]. She advised SA [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

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April 15, 1955 that she was not personally acquainted with FRANK SINATRA and had never heard of him in connection with the CP movement. *EU*

Studio City, California

The above individual was a member of the CP [redacted] in the Los Angeles area during the period [redacted]. He advised SA's [redacted] and [redacted] on May 26, 1955 that during the course of his experience in the CP he had never heard of SINATRA being a Party member or connected with the movement.

West Los Angeles, California *EU*

The above individual was a member of a cultural club in the Hollywood area during [redacted]. [redacted] advised SA's [redacted] and [redacted] on April 25, 1955 that at a meeting of [redacted] of the CP held at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] talked concerning the necessity of securing new recruits into the CP. [redacted] suggested that FRANK SINATRA might be willing to join the CP if approached. [redacted] added, however, that no one in the club was personally acquainted with him. [redacted] pointed out that had SINATRA then been in the Party or had ever been a Party member, [redacted] would not have made the remark he did concerning SINATRA. [redacted] advised further that he never heard of SINATRA being subsequently recruited into the Party or having ever been connected with the CP movement. *EU*

MEMBERSHIP IN THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS
COMMITTEE OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS

California Committee on Un-American
Activities, Report, 1948

At page 262 of the above report the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (ICCASP) is described as a "Communist front."

New York, New York

The above individual furnished a copy of "The Independent" dated February 13, 1946, published by the ICCASP. This issue set forth on

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page 2 under the caption, "The General Membership Elected A New Board:" a list of the new officers. Included under the subcaption, "Vice Chairmen:" appeared ten names, the last one listed being "FRANK SINATRA."

"The Voice" (Supra)

At page 22 of the above publication on the life of FRANK SINATRA it is stated that "SINATRA was one of ten Vice Chairmen" of the ICCASP.

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b7D [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] list setting forth the officers and Executive Council for 1946 of the Hollywood Branch of the ICCASP as elected on April 14, 1946. Included in the list of seven Vice Chairmen appeared the name FRANK SINATRA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Listed among the officers of the organization serving on the Executive Board appeared the name FRANK SINATRA. Qu

([REDACTED] (Supra)

b7C [REDACTED] stated on [REDACTED] that he was a member of the Hollywood Chapter of the ICCASP during [REDACTED] and recalled that FRANK SINATRA's name appeared on the stationery of the organization as one of its officers. [REDACTED] reported that he had never attended any meetings of this organization at which FRANK SINATRA was ever present.

MISCELLANEOUS

"Daily People's World"
Issue of May 21, 1946
Page 3, Column 6

The above publication carried an item under the caption "Sinatra Blasts 'Crackpots'" with a Chicago dateline of May 20 (UP) which read as follows:

"Crooner Frank Sinatra today denied a charge by a Knights of Columbus official that he had contributed to communism in America by singing at a rally in New York last week.

"Sinatra said he sang at a rally sponsored by the Veterans' Committee of the Independent Citizens Committee

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of Arts, Sciences and Professions, held to urge passage of legislation to provide housing for veterans.

"Cervase T. Murphy, Calumet Mich., Supreme Director of K of C, charged at Cincinnati that Sinatra was being used to 'woo the younger generation in the United States' to communism.

"'Murphy's statement is a complete distortion,' Sinatra said. 'The minute anyone tries to help the little guy he's called a Communist. It's getting so I expect crackpots to say things like that.

"'There may have been several Communists in the audience. Madison Square Garden is a big place. But I personally always have been opposed to communism.'"

The "Daily People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

The New York "Mirror" newspaper,
Issue of April 5, 1948

The above issue of the New York "Mirror" contained an article captioned "Sinatra to Stage Radio Plea to Italy for Defeat of Reds," carrying the name LOUELLA PARSONS in the by-line. The item read, in part, as follows:

"An appeal broadcast directly to the Italian people to vote against the Communist ticket in the April 18, 1948 election is being arranged for by Frank Sinatra. . . ."

The article went on to state, "Sinatra, who returned from New York today, was asked by Washington officials to get together a show with famous guests of Italian parentage, and Frankie gladly accepted the assignment to help fight Communism. Twenty-seven recordings will be made and played in various parts of Italy in an effort to reach even the most remote part of that troubled nation. . . ."

Los Angeles "Herald-Express"
newspaper, Issue of June 9, 1949

The above issue of the Los Angeles "Herald-Express" carried an item bearing the caption "Angelenos Deny Ties to Communists." The article read, in part, as follows:

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"A torrent of denials came today from Californians who were listed by State Senator Jack B. Tenney as being under the influence of 'the Stalinist orbit'. . . ."

Included in the list of names set forth appeared the following--"Crooner Frank Sinatra: 'This unfair and unjustified attack gives every American good reason to be critical of the Tenney Committee.'"

"Hollywood on Trial--The Story of the Ten Who Were Indicted" by GORDON KAHN, published by Boni and Gaer, Inc., 133 West 44th Street, New York 18, New York, Copyright 1948

The following, attributed to FRANK SINATRA, appeared at page 19 in the above book:

"Frank Sinatra said once they get the movies throttled how long will it be before the Committee goes to work on freedom of the air? How long will it be before we're told what we can and cannot say into a radio microphone? If you make a pitch on a nation-wide network for a square deal for the underdog, will they call you a Commie? Will we have to think Mr. Rankin's way to get in the elevator at Radio City? Are they gonna scare us into silence? I wonder."

The above book pertained to the so-called "Hollywood Ten," previously referred to in this report.

"The Daily Worker"
Issue of April 10, 1951
Page 11, Column 1

An article captioned "Where Are the Big Stars Who Once Opposed the Un-Americans" appeared in the above issue of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper. The item read, in part, as follows:

"Where are all the famous Hollywood stars who attacked the first Un-American witch-hunt in Hollywood when the ten were brought to trial in 1947?

"Where are the hundreds of stars who once organized two national broadcasts over the coast-to-coast network of the American Broadcasting Company to express their opposition to the Un-American Committee?

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"Why are they silent today when their voices are needed in the second Hollywood witch-hunt?

"Where is Frank Sinatra who prophesied in 1947?

"If the Un-American Committee gets a green light from the American people, will it be possible to make a broadcast like this a year from today?"

New York "Daily News"
Issue of April 27, 1951

The above publication contained an item which reported that on the preceding day the Stop-Communism Committee had been launched for the purpose of fighting "Red influences in the entertainment world." The article stated that this committee had been formed under the auspices of J. JOSEPH SMITH, New York County Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the group would hold a loyalty festival featuring more than one hundred and fifty movie, stage, and television people, the day after the loyalty parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The festival was to be held in Central Park, and the stars participating in the anti-Communist rally were listed as including FRANK SINATRA and many others.

Los Angeles, California

The above individual, [REDACTED] advised SA's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] never noted anything which would indicate CP sympathies on the part of either FRANK SINATRA or his wife. There was never any literature in their home which appeared to be of a Communistic nature nor any conversations which came to her attention concerning Communism.

DESCRIPTION

The following physical description was developed during current investigation:

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Name	FRANK ALBERT SINATRA
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth date	December 12, 1915 (given on two forms); December 12, 1916 (given on another form); December 12, 1917 (as indicated in "The Voice")
Birthplace	Hoboken, New Jersey
Residence (October 1955)	10372 ¹ / ₂ Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California (Unlisted telephone Nos. CR. 6-0246 and CR. 6-8038)
Height	5' 7 ¹ / ₂ "
Weight	119 lbs.
Build	Slight
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and marks	Mastoid scar behind left ear; scar on left side of chin below mouth
Occupation	Vocalist; motion picture film actor - latest film "Guys and Dolls" produced by Samuel Goldwyn Productions
Education	Four years high school; one year business school
Marital status	Married NANCY SINATRA, February 4, 1939 - divorced 1952; Married actress AVA GARDNER, but now separated and divorce pending
Social Security Number	138-16-0442
Military Service	None
FBI Number	3794610
Relatives	Mother - NATALIE SINATRA, Hoboken, New Jersey; Father - ANTHONY SINATRA, Hoboken, New Jersey; Wife - AVA GARDNER, actress (separated); Ex-wife - NANCY SINATRA Children - NANCY SANDRA SINATRA, age 15 FRANK SINATRA, JR., age 10 CHRISTINA SINATRA, age 6

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Photographic copies of the program "Spotlight on Spain", referred to in this report, are maintained in 100-41413-1A.

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referred to in this report as having once described SINATRA as a former CP and YCL member, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Philadelphia Office advised by airtel dated October 6, 1955 that the unknown woman [REDACTED] who also described SINATRA as a CP and former YCL member, was believed to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] An attempted interview with [REDACTED] met with negative results. *Qu*

In connection with the ICCASP, referred to in this report, it may be noted that this organization has never been cited by the Attorney General of the United States (Bufile 100-356137). The copy of "The Independent" dated February 13, 1946, set forth in the report, includes in the group of ten Vice Chairmen such individuals as Colonel EVANS F. CARLSON, JOSEPH E. DAVIES, FIORELLLO H. LaGUARDIA, ARCHIBALD MacLEISH, Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, and Dr. HARLOW SHAPLEY. Included in the list of some thirty members of the Board of Directors appeared the name JAMES ROOSEVELT.

Careful consideration has been given to sources concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent To Whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
b2 [REDACTED] <i>Qu</i> Selective Service records, LDB #19 for Hudson County, Room 308, 26 Journal Square, Jersey City, New Jersey	Personal history	2/9/44	[REDACTED] <i>b7c</i>	NK 25-8050

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b2 b7D b7C	[REDACTED] <i>2 u</i> [REDACTED] Hollywood, California	Personal history	10/19/55 b7C	[REDACTED]	Instant report
b2 b7D b7C	[REDACTED] <i>2 u</i> [REDACTED] Hollywood, California	Personal history	9/5/55 b7C	[REDACTED]	Instant report
b2 b7D b7C	[REDACTED] <i>2 u</i> [REDACTED] Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., Los Angeles, California	Personal history	10/31/55 b7C	ASAC Secre- tary [REDACTED]	Instant report
b2 b7D b7C	[REDACTED] <i>2 u</i> [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California	Personal history	10/28/55 b7C	[REDACTED]	Instant report
b2 b7D b7C	[REDACTED] <i>2 u</i> [REDACTED] Youth Aid Bureau, Schenectady, New York Police Depart- ment (former [REDACTED])	Allegation of YCL membership Reinterview	1944 4/13/55	b7C Albany Office [REDACTED]	AL 100-5075- 75, p. 73 100-41413-15

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b2 b7D b7C [REDACTED]	Allegation of AYD and CP membership	1945	Philadelphia Office	100-30258-24
[REDACTED]	Reinterview	9/12/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-31
[REDACTED]	Negative	6/17/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-30
[REDACTED]	Negative	6/13/55	[REDACTED] b7C	100-41413-30
[REDACTED]	Negative	6/15/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-30
[REDACTED]	Negative	3/25/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-12
[REDACTED]	Negative	3/28/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-12
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[REDACTED]	Negative	3/28/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-12
[REDACTED]	Negatives by CP press	3/31/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-27
[REDACTED]	Negative	4/13/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-27
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[REDACTED]	Pamphlet: "Thoughts of an American"	7/28/47	New York Office	NY 100-2935-1A-551
[REDACTED]	Negative	3/30/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-28
[REDACTED]	Negative	4/15/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-28
[REDACTED]	Negative	4/18/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-28
[REDACTED]	Negative	4/1/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-28
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[REDACTED]	Negative	4/29/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-28
[REDACTED]	Negative	3/21/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-17
[REDACTED]	Negative	4/20/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-17
[REDACTED]	Negative	4/20/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-17
[REDACTED]	AYD award 10/16/45 Photographic copy of "Fair Facts"	10/31/55	[REDACTED]	100-41413-1A
[REDACTED]	Re: AYD award	1/18/46	[REDACTED]	100-18782-B3

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[REDACTED] (Cont.)	Re: AYD award	4/25/55	[REDACTED]	Instant report
[REDACTED] Hollywood, California	ICCASP (copy)	6/17/49	[REDACTED]	100-18355- 1B6-1
[REDACTED]	Negative	10/28/55	[REDACTED]	Instant report
[REDACTED] West Los Angeles, California	CP meeting 4/16/46	5/3/46	Los Angeles Office	100-21315A-24 (W)
	Interview con- cerning [REDACTED] meeting	4/25/55	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	Instant report

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated March 18, 1955.
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-417728)

November 30, 1955

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41413)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
aka Frank Sinatra
(OO: Los Angeles)

By FD 0-17 dated November 22, 1955 Los Angeles was instructed to furnish an up-to-date physical description for this subject and incorporate same into amended pages to the report of SA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, dated November 4, 1955.

Four copies of amended pages 22 and 23 to that report are being enclosed herewith to the Bureau. The amended pages have been substituted in the Los Angeles file.

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Assistant Attorney General
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FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
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FBI File 100-417728

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 4, 1955, at Los Angeles, California, in captioned matter.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF [redacted]
DATE 12/21/55

Information concerning Sinatra's execution of an affidavit for the Passport Division of the Department of State on January 10, 1955, appears on page seven of the enclosed report. In his affidavit, Sinatra denied past or present membership in the Communist Party or in any group or organization of a subversive character.

Information beginning on page 18 of the enclosed report reflects that "The Independent" dated February 13, 1946, published by the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, listed the name of one Frank Sinatra among ten names under the heading "Vice Chairmen." The California Committee on Un-American Activities report for 1948 on page 262 describes the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions as a "Communist front."

For your further information, the above-mentioned issue of "The Independent" also listed among the ten vice chairmen of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions such individuals as Joseph E. Davies, Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Archibald MacLeish and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. Included in the list of some 30 members of the Board of Directors appeared the name of James Roosevelt.

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REMARK: Subject not on SI. Although subject's name has allegedly been referred to in some nonspecific associations with ICA and CP, investigation failed to substantiate any such allegations. Investigation conducted at request of AAG.

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Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

A copy of the above report has been
furnished to the Department of State. No further
investigation will be conducted in this matter in
the absence of a specific request from you.

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York 22, N.Y.

Mr. Louis Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lou:

It's been a long time since we worked on a story together, but now that I've escaped the Collier's debacle by moving over to LOOK, I hope I'll get to do FBI stories again and that we'll be seeing each other real soon.

In the meantime, however, I wonder if you could do me a favor. I'm currently doing a definitive, three-part profile for LOOK on Frank Sinatra. In the course of my research, I've come across constant allegations that Sinatra and members of his family have been arrested and perhaps convicted of crimes. I have been able to find no proof that these allegations are true. There is no record with the Hoboken or Jersey City, N.J., Police Departments, but it has been hinted to me by several authoritative sources that the records may have been removed.

If so, would there be any duplicate record filed with the FBI? Also, would I be able to look at such records, if they exist?

The allegations are as follows:

- (1) That Sinatra was arrested for rape in Jersey City or Hoboken around 1934. The charge is supposed to have been reduced to seduction and then thrown out by the Grand Jury. (Westbrook Pegler has reported this several times in his columns.)
- (2) That Sinatra was arrested and convicted of assault around the same time. (Another printed Pegler item.)
- (3) That Mrs. Natalie Sinatra, his mother, was arrested six or seven times for operating an abortion mill in Hoboken between the years 1930 and 1950 and that she might have been convicted once.
- (4) That Sinatra's uncles, Champ and Lawrence Garavanti, were arrested and perhaps convicted of bootlegging in Hoboken in the 1930's and early 1940's.

I realize these are serious charges, and I am keeping no copies of this letter because I do not want to perpetuate a slander if they are

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440 East 14th Street, New York 22, N.Y.

not true. That's why I am writing this letter at home, instead of dictating it to my secretary at the office. Even if the charges are true, I will not use them in the story. The knowledge of them, however, will give me guidance in handling Sinatra's early life, since I have two completely contradictory versions: one, of a clean-living youth from a tough but good family, and two, that of a wild, ungovernable kid from a not-so-exemplary family.

Therefore, I'd appreciate it if you could give me some off-the-record advice, even if you are not permitted to let me see the actual records. If you don't want to put these facts in a letter, I'll be glad to fly down to Washington to see you. If you can't discuss the matter at all, I understand your position thoroughly and will not pursue the matter further.

Many thanks, Bill, and love, due to the director.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Davidson

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

January 22, 1967

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA
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Frank Sinatra was born December 12, 1915 or 1916, at Hoboken, New Jersey, of Italian-born parents. He left high school in 1935 to obtain employment and during that year, began his singing career in night clubs and road houses in the northern New Jersey area. He was married in 1939 to Nancy Barbato and has three children by that marriage. He divorced her in 1951 and married actress Ava Gardner, from whom he was separated after approximately two years of marriage. Allegations concerning his contacts with the Communist Party and numerous communist front groups came to the Bureau's attention for a number of years and were included in a memorandum sent to the State Department in December, 1954, on their request for a name check on Sinatra. In view of a sworn affidavit, executed by him on January 10, 1955, in connection with his application for a passport, to the effect that he had never been a member of the Communist Party or of any organization of a subversive character, the State Department requested an investigation by the Bureau to determine whether prosecution was warranted against Sinatra for making a false statement in the application.

The investigation developed no evidence connecting Sinatra with the Communist Party or any of its front groups aside from his membership in the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions in 1946. This organization was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front and included a number of other prominent citizens in its membership. In 1948, Sinatra allegedly took part in an appeal to the voters of Italy to vote against the communist ticket in the elections then being held in that country. Material has appeared in the press linking Sinatra with known hoodlums, and in February, 1947, he was alleged to have spent four days in the company of Lucky Luciano, the deported Italian criminal who was prominent in the narcotics traffic in America. His name has also been prominently linked with Joseph and Rocco Fischetti, members of the Capone gang, Willie Moretti, former underworld boss of Bergen County, New Jersey, James Tarantino, an associate of Benjamin "Bugsey" Siegel, and other hoodlums on the west coast. As recently as 1955,

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he was seen frequenting an after-hours bottle club in New York frequented by known hoodlums and is reputedly one of the twelve major stockholders in the Sands Hotel, a gambling establishment in Las Vegas allegedly controlled by Albert "Longie" Zwillman and Joseph Stacher, both notorious gangsters from New Jersey. In February, 1944, the Bureau made limited inquiries concerning his Selective Service status after receiving an anonymous letter alleging he had paid \$40,000 to obtain a deferred classification. Selective Service records reflected that his physical examination indicated that he was suffering from emotional instability. Criminal files of the Identification Division reflect Sinatra was arrested in November, 1938, and charged with seduction. The charge was later changed to adultery when it appeared that the woman in question was married, and the charge was dismissed when no true bill was returned by the grand jury. Sinatra's mother, Mrs. Natalie Sinatra, was arrested in November, 1937, on a charge of abortion. No disposition is given for this case. Lawrence Garaventi, said to be an uncle of Sinatra.

b7c [REDACTED] Bureau files do not verify his relationship to Sinatra. In 1944, columnist Frederick C. Othman, in a syndicated article, quoted Sinatra as saying that he received a letter from the Bureau concerning an applicant in which he was requested to return four autographed photographs for the girls in Mr. Nichols' office. When contacted, Sinatra denied the story but stated that he had received a letter of that kind from the office of the Adjutant General and would have Othman correct the matter. In September, 1950, through an intermediary, Sinatra offered his services to the Bureau, and the Director noted his agreement with Mr. Tolson's comment that we "want nothing to do with him."

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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DETAILS:

A. PURPOSE:

Based on a letter from Bill Davidson, 440 East 55th Street, New York 2, New York, dated January 20, 1957, you requested a summary of information in Bufiles and other sources concerning captioned individual.

B. BACKGROUND:

Francis Albert Sinatra, aka Frank Sinatra, was born December 12, 1915 or 1916, at Hoboken, New Jersey, the son of Martin Sinatra, a former professional boxer, and Natalie "Dolly" Sinatra, both of whom were allegedly born in Italy. He left high school in 1935 to work for the "Jersey Observer," a newspaper published in Hoboken, and during that year began his singing career in night clubs and roadhouses in the northern New Jersey area. He was married on February 4, 1939, to Nancy Barbato at Jersey City, New Jersey, and is the father of three children, Nancy, age 15, Frankie, age 11, and Christina, age 7. He was granted a divorce by his wife in 1951 and married actress Ava Gardner on November 7, 1951. He was separated from her after approximately two years of marriage. (Time Magazine, August 29, 1955, pages 52-59, and 62-83219-17)

C. BUREAU RELATIONS WITH SINATRA:

(1) Frederick C. Othman incident, February 9, 1944. On February 9, 1944, in a syndicated article, columnist Othman quoted Sinatra as saying he had received a letter from the Bureau concerning an applicant, in which he was requested to return four autographed photographs for the girls in Mr. Nichols' office. Upon interview, Othman claimed to have received the story from Sinatra years before when he was covering the Department of Justice. When contacted in this regard, Sinatra stated that the letter had come from the Adjutant General and that he had so informed Othman. He stated that he would have Othman correct this matter. (62-83219-17)

(2) Gary, Indiana, High School student strike, November 1, 1945. In October, 1945, the students of Froebel High School in Gary, Indiana, refused to attend their classes because of the large number of Negro students enrolled at the school. Frank Sinatra made a personal appeal to the students at an assembly held at the school to end the strike. During the course of this appeal, he launched a personal attack against two prominent citizens of Gary, Indiana, whom he

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attempted to connect with the strike incident. As a result of his attack, a local Catholic priest left the stage and protested to Sinatra's manager, one George Evans. Evans replied that Sinatra's information came, in part at least, from the confidential files of the FBI. (62-83219-17)

(3) OFFER OF SERVICE TO THE BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 7, 1950:

b7C On September 7, 1950, [REDACTED] contacted the Director's office and was referred to Mr. J. P. Mohr to whom he relayed an offer by Frank Sinatra to be of service to the FBI. According to [REDACTED] Sinatra felt that as a result of the publicity which he had received connecting him with subversive elements, he might be able to be of service in some capacity and had first considered contacting CIA. According to [REDACTED] at the advice of a CIA representative, he was told to contact the FBI. He also stated that Sinatra denied any subversive affiliations. The Director noted his agreement with Mr. Tolson's comment that we "want nothing to do with him." (62-83219-17)

D. ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE AFFILIATIONS:

b7D On December 14, 1954, the State Department requested a name check on Sinatra, and a summary memorandum dated December 30, 1954, was prepared setting forth his alleged contacts with the Communist Party and numerous cited communist front groups. It was reported that a confidential and reliable informant in December, 1945, advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that Frank Sinatra, the well-known radio and movie star, was then a member of the Communist Party. The informant stated he was told that Sinatra formerly held membership in the American Youth for Democracy Organization in New Jersey but had recently been admitted to the New York branch of the Communist Party. *qu*

b7C In view of a sworn affidavit, executed by Sinatra on January 10, 1955, in connection with his application for a passport, that he had never been a member of the Communist Party or of any organization of a subversive character the State Department requested an investigation by the Bureau to determine whether prosecution was warranted against Sinatra for making a false statement in the application. By memorandum of March 7, 1955, the Department instructed the Bureau to conduct the necessary investigation. This investigation was closed on November 4, 1955, with a report of SA [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles

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Office bearing the character "SECURITY MATTER - C; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT." The investigation developed no evidence connecting Sinatra with the Communist Party or the communist movement aside from his membership in the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions in 1946. This organization was described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front. The February 13, 1946, issue of "The Independent," published by the Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, listed Frank Sinatra among ten names under the heading "Vice Chairmen." This publication also listed in this capacity such individuals as Joseph E. Davies, Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Archibald MacLeish and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. Included in the list of some thirty members of the Board of Directors appeared the name of James Roosevelt. (100-417728-20, 18)

It was also noted in above-mentioned report that in April, 1948, the "New York Daily Mirror" contained an article captioned "Sinatra to Stage Radio Plea to Italy for Defeat of Reds," carrying the name Louella Parsons in the by-line. The item read in part as follows: "An appeal broadcast directly to the Italian people to vote against the communist ticket in the April 18, 1948, election is being arranged for by Frank Sinatra..." The article went on to state "Sinatra, who returned from New York today, was asked by Washington officials to get together a show with famous guests of Italian parentage, and Frankie gladly accepted the assignment to help fight communism. Twenty-seven recordings will be made and played in various parts of Italy in an effort to reach even the most remote part of that troubled nation." (100-417728-18)

E. ALLEGED ASSOCIATION WITH KNOWN CRIMINALS AND HOODLUMS:

The column of Robert C. Ruark, "Washington News," Washington, D. C., issue of February 20, 1947, reported that Frank Sinatra had been in Havana, Cuba, for four days during the previous week and that "his companion in public and in private was Luciano, Luciano's bodyguard and a rich collection of gamblers and high-binders." The article indicated that Luciano and Sinatra were seen together at the race tracks, the gambling casino and at special parties. (39-2141A; 62-83219-10)

The column of Westbrook Pegler, "As Pegler Sees It," in the "New York Journal American," issue of September 10, 1947, carried a caption "Publicity Would Re-Shine Sinatra's Reputation." It is set forth in this article

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that a campaign of propaganda has been running in the press, the magazines and on the radio to rehabilitate Frank Sinatra, whose reputation was impaired "last winter" when Sinatra was observed associating with notorious persons in Cuba including Charles "Lucky" Luciano "the deported Italian criminal who had served part of a long term in New York for prostituting women" and who "is a gangster in the Al Capone tradition and is associated with the narcotics trade as well as with prostitution." (62-83219-A, "New York Journal American," issue of 9/10/47)

The column of Westbrook Pegler in the "Times Herald," Washington, D. C., issue of September 11, 1947, sets forth that when Frank Sinatra flew to Havana, Cuba, on February 11, 1947, he was accompanied by Joe and Rocco Fischetti. According to the article "the Fischetti's are related to the Capones and have many interests in common with the Capone gang." (62-83219-A, "Washington Times Herald" 9/11/47)

Westbrook Pegler in his column which was printed in the "New York Journal American," issue of September 12, 1947, which was captioned "Tells of Parasite Hoodlums of Hollywood," sets forth that Willie Moretti, alias Willie Moore, underworld boss of Bergen County, New Jersey, was a friend of Frank Sinatra. The article stated that "it was in Bergen County that Sinatra was arrested in 1938 on a charge of seduction and causing the pregnancy of an unmarried young woman. Sinatra was in the roadhouse stage of his career and Moretti or Moore was his friend of some years. The complaining witness developed a husband in about one month so that the charge was reduced to adultery which naturally was beneath the notice of the worldly Bergen County Grand Jury. No indictment was found and Sinatra was discharged."

Westbrook Pegler in his column in the "Times Herald," issue of October 4, 1947, set forth that James Tarantino, editor and publisher of the magazine "Hollywood Nite Life," Hollywood, California, was a friend and protege of Frank Sinatra. Pegler described Tarantino as "a swipe and hustler who used to hang around Jacobs Beach, a stretch near Madison Square Garden where the fighters, managers and racketeers gather."

Pegler stated in the above article that George Evans, Sinatra's press agent and manager, had denied that Sinatra had anything to do with Tarantino. In contradiction to this Pegler reported that on February 4, 1946, Frank Sinatra's name was signed first as a member of a "Citizens Committee" in a telegram to the prosecuting attorney of Los Angeles County, California, demanding police protection for Tarantino and his wife and child who had been "threatened and

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harassed by political gangsters." Pegler also reported that Sinatra had caused the meeting of the "Citizens Committee."

It was reliably reported that Tarantino specialized in sensationalism and took orders from Michael "Mickey" Cohen, the well-known Los Angeles, California, gangster, and that he was friendly with the late notorious gangster "Bugsy" Siegel.

b7c [redacted] Bureau of Narcotics, U. S. Treasury Department, who is assigned to the office of Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert L. Patterson, Southern District of New York, made available on March 7, 1956, a memorandum prepared by him dated November 15, 1955, which relates that Frank Sinatra visits the Gold Key Club regularly while in New York. The club is described as an after-hours bottle club frequented by known hoodlums, and [redacted] commented that Sinatra appears to prefer the company of these hoodlums and that their admiration for him appears to be mutual. According to [redacted] during the winter of 1955, one Vincent Mauro gave an elaborate party for Sinatra at the Gold Key Club on the occasion of the latter's departure for a personal appearance tour in Australia. It was alleged that as a favor to Mauro, Sinatra had appeared at the Ciro Club in Florida for a salary far below that usually received by him in night club appearances, for the purpose of attempting to pull that establishment out of the hole. Mauro was described as a lieutenant of Anthony Strollo, who, according to [redacted] is an underworld big shot who has a controlling interest in many Greenwich Village night clubs and several others located in the Broadway area. (62-81783-16)

The records of the Clark County, Nevada, Sheriff's Office at Las Vegas as of July 25, 1955, list Frank Sinatra as one of the twelve major stockholders in the Sands Hotel, a gambling establishment in Las Vegas. According to information developed by the Salt Lake City Office, many of the stockholders of record in this particular operation are actually working for notorious gamblers and racketeers. Included among the more prominent of the latter are Albert "Longie" Zwillman and Joseph Stacher, was. "Doc" Harris, both notorious gangsters from New Jersey. (63-2712-9)

F. ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUTE:

In February, 1944, limited inquiries were made by this Bureau concerning Frank Sinatra's Selective Service Status. This action was predicated upon a statement in an anonymous letter alleging that Sinatra paid \$40,000 to obtain a 4F classification. Inquiry revealed that Sinatra was suffering from an ear ailment and that his rejection was in conformance with the then existing

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Selective Service regulations. The physician who examined Sinatra for the Selective Service Board also made a notation on his physical examination report that Sinatra was suffering from emotional instability. (25-244122)

G. SPECIFIC INQUIRIES MADE BY DAVIDSON

In his letter, Davidson stated that he planned on doing a definitive, three-part profile on Sinatra for "Look" magazine and was concerned about several items which he had come across since the manner in which they were resolved would help him in "pitching" his article. In this regard, it may be noted that the August 29, 1955, issue of "Time" magazine did a rather "definitive" cover story on Sinatra, and his life has been the subject of a book published in 1946 by Harper and Brothers, New York. This book was entitled "The Voice" and was written by E. J. Kahn, Jr. (100-417728-18) Davidson asked for verification of the following:

1. That Sinatra was arrested for rape in Jersey City or Hoboken around 1934. The charge is supposed to have been reduced to seduction and then thrown out by the Grand Jury. (Westbrook Pegler has reported this several times in his columns.)

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COMMENT: The records of the clerk of the Second Criminal Judicial District of the county of Bergen, Hackensack, New Jersey, reveal the following information: Docket 15228 in the State vs. Frank Sinatra reflects that Sinatra was charged on November 26, 1938, ... by [REDACTED] New Jersey, as follows: "On the second and ninth days of November, 1938, under the promise of marriage, he (Sinatra) did then and there have sexual intercourse with the said complainant who was then and there a single female of good repute...." The Charles Cassidy Company, 214 Maine Street, Hackensack, New Jersey, made Sinatra's bond of \$1500 on December 7, 1938. The complaint was withdrawn when it was ascertained that the complainant was in fact married. Docket 15307 in the case of the State vs. Frank Sinatra ^{indicates} a complaint was filed on December 21, 1938, by [REDACTED] New Jersey, charging Sinatra with adultery in that he "...on the second and ninth days of November, 1938, committed adultery with the said complainant, a married woman and wife of [REDACTED]" Sinatra paid his own bond of \$500 on January 4, 1939, and the case was remanded to the jury by order of Judge McIntyre.

Docket 18540, for the Prosecutor of Bills, Bergen County, reveals that no bill was returned on January 17, 1939, by the grand jury, and the complaint charging adultery was dismissed in open court for quarter sessions on January 24, 1939. (62-83219-10)

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The records of the Identification Division under FBI #3794610 contain a fingerprint card submitted by the sheriff's office of Bergen County, Hackensack, New Jersey, indicating arrest of Frank Sinatra on November 26, 1938, on a charge of seduction. His address was given as 841 Garden Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, Pegler's reference to this incident is set out above under "Alleged Association With Known Criminals and Hoodlums."

2. That Sinatra was arrested and convicted of assault around the same time (presumably the 1930's).

COMMENT: There is no information in Bufiles or the records of the Identification Division to substantiate such an arrest. News articles, however, reflect that Sinatra was arrested on April 9, 1947, in Hollywood on a battery warrant based upon a complaint by Lee Mortimer, New York columnist. Sinatra entered a plea of not guilty and was released on a \$500 bail. No disposition of this case appears in the file. (62-83219-17)

3. That Mrs. Natalie Sinatra, his mother, was arrested 6 or 7 times for operating an abortion mill in Hoboken between the years 1930 and 1950 and that she might have been convicted once.

COMMENT: "Time" magazine, mentioned above, a copy of which is attached, reported that Sinatra's mother, known generally as Dolly Sinatra, started out as a practical nurse and helped her husband run a little barroom at the corner of Jefferson and Fourth in Hoboken. She allegedly was active in Democratic ward politics and acted as a midwife at a number of neighborhood births. According to the article, she was a "power" in her part of town, and in 1909 was made a district leader. In 1926, the Mayor of Hoboken appointed her husband to a captaincy in the fire department. The records of the Identification Division contain a single card reflecting a criminal arrest on November 15, 1937, of Mrs. Natalie Sinatra, with alias Dolly Sinatra, on a charge of abortion. Her residence was given as 841 Garden Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, and the card was received from the Hoboken, New Jersey, Police Department. No disposition of the case is given, and the incident is not mentioned in Bufiles. A review of material in Bufiles identifiable with Mrs. Sinatra reflects that [REDACTED] had invented a kidnaping hoax but admitted her story was fictitious after being interviewed by FBI Agents and the New York police. (7-7858)

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